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TO AMEMBASSY LIBREVILLE

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO PRESIDENT
BONGO:

1. QTE THE TRAGIC AND UNTIMELY DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT F.
KENNEDY HAS COME AS A GREAT SHOCK TO ALL AMERICANS. ON BEHALF
OF THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES, I EXPRESS MY DEEPEST APPRE-
CIATION FOR YOUR WORDS OF SYMPATHY. UNQTE

2. QTE THE KNOWLEDGE THAT YOUR COUNTRYMEN SHARE OUR GRIEF IS
A SOURCE OF GREAT COMFORT AND CONSOLATION. I SHALL TRANSMIT YOUR
MESSAGE TO MRS. KENNEDY AND MEMBERS OF THE SENATOR'S FAMILY.
LYNDON B. JOHNSON UNQTE

3. WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE MESSAGE, BUT HAS NO
OBJECTION TO RELEASE BY GOG.

4. FOLLOWING, FYI, IS ENGLISH TEXT OF PRESIDENT BONGO'S MESSAGE
TO THE PRESIDENT:

QTE THE NEWS OF THE DEATH OF SENATOR KENNEDY HAS BEEN A
TRAGIC SHOCK TO THE PEOPLE AND GOVERNMENT OF GABON AND TO ME.
FOR THE SECOND TIME, THE KENNEDY FAMILY HAS PAID WITH ITS BLOOD
FOR ITS ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN THE DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS AND
THE POLITICAL LIFE OF YOUR GREAT NATION. PLEASE CONVEY TO THE
FAMILY OUR SINCERE CONDOLENCES AND OUR DEEP SYMPATHY. IN SADNESS

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WE SHARE THIS CRUEL BEREAVEMENT THAT WEIGHS UPON THE PEOPLE OF
THE UNITED STATES AND THE ENTIRE WORLD. ACCEPT, EXCELLENCY, THE
ASSURANCES OF MY VERY HIGH AND FRIENDLY CONSIDERATION. ALBERT
BERNARD BONGO. UNQTE. RUSK

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

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TRES DOULOUREUSEMENT PAR LE PEUPLE GABONAIS PAR SON GOUVERNEMENT
ET PAR MOI MEME STOP POUR LA SECONDE FOIS LA FAMILLE KENNEDY
PAIE DE SON SANG SA PARTICIPATION ACTIVE AUX INSTITUTIONS
DEMOCRATIQUES ET A LA VIE POLITIQUE DE LA GRANDE NATION AMERICAINE
STOP JE VOUS DEMANDE DE BIEN VOULOIR LUI TRANSMETTRE AVEC NOS

CONDOLEANCES EMUES L EXPRESSION DE NOTRE PROFONDE SYMPATHIE
NOUS NOUS ASSOCIONS AVEC TRISTESSE A CE DEUIL CRUEL QUI
EST AUSSI CELUI DU PEUPLE AMI DES ETATSUNIS TOUT ENTIER
STOP VEUILLEZ AGREER EXCELLENCE L EXPRESSION DE MA TRES HAUTE
ET AMICALE CONSIDERATION

ALBERT BERNARD BONGO

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FOLLOWING IS TRANSLATION OF URGENT TELEGRAM JUST SENT BY
PRESIDENT BONGO TO PRESIDENT JOHNSON EXPRESSING DISTRESS DUE
ATTACK ON SENATOR KENNEDY:

"PAINFULLY MOVED BY THE TRAGIC ATTACK OF WHICH SENATOR
KENNEDY HAS JUST BEEN THE VICTIM. I WOULD APPRECIATE
IT IF, ON BEHALF OF THE GABONESE PEOPLE, THE GABONESE
GOVERNMENT, AND ME PERSONALLY, YOU WOULD TRANSMIT TO THE
KENNEDY FAMILY, ALREADY SO CRUELLY TRIED, OUR PROFOUND
SYMPATHY. IN SPITE OF THE GRAVITY OF HIS WOUNDS, WE
MAINTAIN HOPE AND EXPRESS OUR SINCERE WISHES FOR THE
COMPLETE RECOVERY OF SENATOR KENNEDY'S HEALTH. PLEASE
ACCEPT, EXCELLENCY, THE EXPRESSION OF MY HIGHEST AND
FRIENDLIEST CONSIDERATION.

ALBERT BERNARD BONGO"
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The White House
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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

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VIENT D'ÊTRE VICTIME LE SÉNATEUR KENNEDY JE VOUS DEMANDE
DE BIEN VOULOIR AU NOM DU PEUPLE GABONAIS DE SON GOUVERNEMENT
ET EN MON NOM PERSONNEL TRANSMETTRE A LA FAMILLE KENNEDY
DÉJÀ SI CRUELLEMENT ÉPROUVÉE L'EXPRESSION DE NOTRE PROFONDE
SYMPATHIE STOP MALGRÉ LA GRAVITÉ DE SES BLESSURES NOUS

VOULONS CONSERVER ESPOIR ET FORMONS DES VŒUX TRÈS SINCÈRES
POUR LE RETABLISSEMENT TOTAL DE LA SANTÉ DU SÉNATEUR KENNEDY
STOP VEUILLÉZ AGREER EXCELLENCE L'EXPRESSION DE MA TRÈS HAUTE ET
AMICALE CONSIDÉRATION

ALBERT BERNARD BONGO



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FOLLOWING LETTER RECEIVED FROM PRIME MINISTER JAWARA JUNE 6
QUOTE DEAR JOHN I WOULD LIKE YOU TO ACCEPT FROM ME AND MY
COLLEAGUES IN CABINET AND TO EXTEND SAME TO THE GOVERNMENT
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE FAMILY OF THE DECEASED
MY DEEP SYMPATHY FOR THE UNTIMELY DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT
KENNEDY THIS CRUEL AND SENSELESS ACT OF VIOLENCE HAS SHOCKED
AND DISMAYED THE WHOLE WORLD YOURS SINCERLEY DAWDA JAWARA
PRIME MINISTER UNQUOTE. LOGHRAN

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R 172000Z JUN 68
FM SECSTATE WASHDC
TO AMEMBASSY BONN

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1. PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO PRESIDENT LUEBKE:

QTE DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

IT IS A GREAT CONSOLATION TO KNOW, IN THIS TRAGIC TIME, THAT OUR LOSS IS SHARED BY OUR GERMAN FRIENDS. I DEEPLY APPRECIATE YOUR THOUGHTFUL MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCE ON THE DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY. LYNDON B. JOHNSON UNQTE

2. WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE MESSAGE, BUT HAS NO OBJECTION TO RELEASE BY PRESIDENT LUEBKE.

3. FOLLOWING, FYI, IS ENGLISH TEXT OF PRESIDENT LUEBEKE'S MESSAGE TO THE PRESIDENT:

QTE ON THE OCCASION OF THE TRAGIC DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY I CONVEY TO YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, AND TO THE AMERICAN NATION MY AND THE GERMAN PEOPLE'S DEEPLY FELT SYMPATHY. WE MOURN WITH YOU AND THE SUFFERING KENNEDY FAMILY.

WE JOIN YOU IN THE CONFIDENCE THAT THE AFFLICTION IMPOSED UPON YOUR COUNTRY BY THIS SENSELESS ACT OF VIOLENCE WILL CONFIRM THE DETERMINATION OF THE AMERICANS TO MAINTAIN THEIR GOOD

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TRADITIONS AND THE MORAL STRENGTH OF WHICH THEY HAVE GIVEN SO MANY PROFFS.

THE WORLD DEPENDS ON AN AMERICNA NATION WHICH, STRONG AND UNITED, CONTINUES TO CONTRIBUTE TO MAINTAINING FREEDOM AND SECURING TRUE PEACE.

HEINRICH LUEBKE
PRESIDENT OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY UNQTE.
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Suggested Reply

Dear Mr. President:

It is a great consolation to know, in this tragic time, that our loss is shared by our German friends. I deeply appreciate your thoughtful message of condolence on the death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy

Lyndon B. Johnson

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1. PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO PRESIDENT

LUEBKE:

QTE Dear Mr. President:

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2. White House does not plan to release message, but has no objection to release by President Luebke.

3. Following, FYI, is English text of President Luebke's message to the President:

QTE On the occasion of the tragic death of Senator Robert Kennedy I convey to you, Mr. President, and to the American nation my and the German people's deepfelt sympathy. We mourn with you and the suffering Kennedy family.

We join you in the confidence that the ^{affliction} ~~affliction~~ imposed upon your country by this senseless act of violence will confirm the determination of the Americans to maintain their good

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traditions and the moral strength of which they have given so many proofs.

The world depends on an American nation which, strong and united, continues to contribute to maintaining freedom and securing true peace.

Heinrich Luebke
President of the Federal Republic of Germany UNQTE

END.

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Message from German President Luebke to President Johnson

On the occasion of the tragic death of Senator Robert Kennedy I convey to you, Mr. President, and to the American nation my and the German people's deepfelt sympathy. We mourn with you and the suffering Kennedy family.

We join you in the confidence that the affliction imposed upon your country by this senseless act of violence will confirm the determination of the Americans to maintain their good traditions and the moral strength of which they have given so many proofs.

The world depends on an American nation which, strong and united, continues to contribute to maintaining freedom and securing true peace.

Heinrich Luebke
President of the Federal Republic of Germany

GERMANY

My dear Mr. President:

Federal President Heinrich Luebke has asked me to transmit to you the following telegram:

"Zu dem tragischen Tod des Senators Robert Kennedy spreche ich Ihnen, Herr Präsident, und der amerikanischen Nation meine und des deutschen Volkes herzliche Anteilnahme aus. Wir trauern mit Ihnen und der schwergeprüften Familie Kennedy.

Mit Ihnen vertrauen wir darauf, daß die schwere Prüfung, die Ihrem Land mit dieser sinnlosen Gewalttat auferlegt ist, die Entschlossenheit der Amerikaner bekräftigt, die guten Traditionen und die so oft bewiesene sittliche Kraft zu bewahren.

Die Welt braucht eine amerikanische Nation, die innerlich stark und gefestigt, ihren Beitrag zur Erhaltung der Freiheit und zur Gewinnung wahren Friedens leisten kann.

Heinrich Luebke

Präsident der Bundesrepublik Deutschland."

The English translation reads as follows:

"On the occasion of the tragic death of Senator Robert Kennedy I convey to you, Mr. President, and to the American nation my and the German people's deepfelt sympathy. We mourn with you and the suffering Kennedy family.

We join you in the confidence that the affliction imposed upon your country by this senseless act of violence will confirm the determination of the Americans to maintain their good traditions and the moral strength of which they have given so many proofs.

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The President

The White House

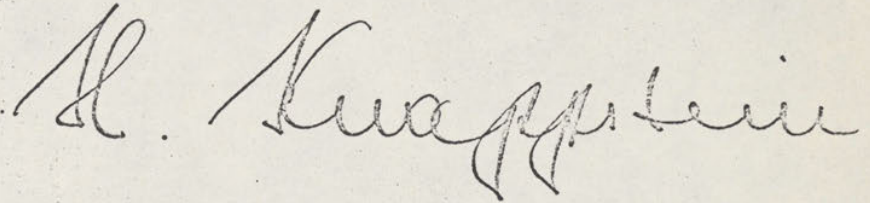
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The world depends on an American nation which, strong and united, continues to contribute to maintaining freedom and securing true peace.

Heinrich Luebke
President of the Federal Republic of Germany."

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "H. Kuappstein". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "Heinrich Luebke".



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FM SECSTATE WASHDC
TO AMEMBASSY BONN

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1. PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO CHANCELLOR KIESINGER:

QTE THE TRAGIC AND UNTIMELY DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY HAS COME AS A GREAT SHOCK TO ALL AMERICANS. ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES, I EXPRESS MY DEEPEST APPRECIATION FOR YOUR WORDS OF SYMPATHY.

THE KNOWLEDGE THAT YOUR COUNTRYMEN SHARE OUR GRIEF IS A SOURCE OF GREAT COMFORT AND CONSOLATION. I SHALL TRANSMIT YOUR MESSAGE TO MRS. KENNEDY AND MEMBERS OF THE SENATOR'S FAMILY.
LYNDON B. JOHNSON UNQTE

2. WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE MESSAGE, BUT HAS NO OBJECTION TO RELEASE BY CHANCELLOR.

3. FOLLOWING, FYI, IS ENGLISH TEXT OF CHANCELLOR KIESINGER'S MESSAGE TO THE PRESIDENT:

QTE DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

I WAS DEEPLY MOVED WHEN I RECEIVED THE NEWS THAT SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY SUCCUMBED TO THE INJURIES OF A MURDEROUS ASSAULT. I REALIZE WITH YOU AND THE AMERICAN PEOPLE THE DEEP TRAGEDY OF THIS TERRIBLE EVENT AND THE LOSS THE UNITED STATES

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SUFFERED BY THE DEATH OF THAT MAN. I CONVEY TO YOU, ALSO ON
BEHALF OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND THE WHOLE GERMAN NATION,
THE EXPRESSION OF MY SINCERE SYMPATHY.

YOURS, KIESINGER, FEDERAL
CHANCELLOR OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY UNQTE. RUSK

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My dear Mr. President:

GERMANY

Federal Chancellor Kiesinger has asked me to transmit to you the following telegram:

"Sehr geehrter Herr Präsident,

Tief erschüttert habe ich die Nachricht erhalten, daß Senator Robert F. Kennedy den Verletzungen erlegen ist, die ihm ein verbrecherischer Anschlag zugefügt hat. Ich empfinde mit Ihnen und dem amerikanischen Volk die tiefe Tragik dieses schrecklichen Ereignisses und den Verlust, den der Tod dieses Mannes für die Vereinigten Staaten von Amerika bedeutet. Dazu spreche ich Ihnen, auch im Namen der Bundesregierung und des ganzen deutschen Volkes, meine aufrichtige Anteilnahme aus.

Ihr Kiesinger

Bundeskanzler der Bundesrepublik Deutschland

The English translation reads as follows:

"Dear Mr. President,

I was deeply moved when I received the news that Senator Robert F. Kennedy succumbed to the injuries of a murderous assault. I realize with you and the American people the deep tragedy of this terrible event and the loss the United States suffered by the death of that man. I convey to you, also on behalf of the Federal Government and the whole German nation, the expression of my sincere sympathy.

Yours,

Kiesinger,

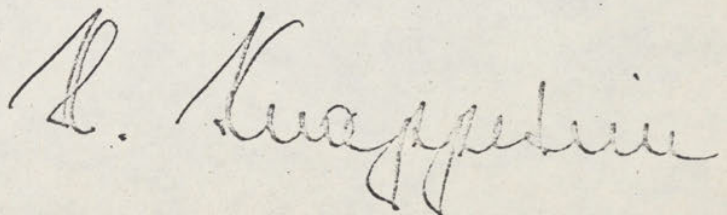
Federal Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany."

Respectfully yours,

The President

The White House

Washington, D.C.





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TO AMEMBASSY BONN

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1. THERE FOLLOWS TEXT OF CONDOLENCE MESSAGE ON KENNEDY DEATH WHICH AXEL SPRINGER SENT PRESIDENT JOHNSON.

QTE WE ARE ALL SHOCKED BY THE SENSELESS MURDER OF SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY. MORE THAN EVER THESE DAYS OUR THOUGHTS ARE WITH THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, ITS LEADERS AND ESPECIALLY THE BEREAVED FAMILY.

SINCERELY, AXEL SPRINGER UNQTE

2. AMBASSADOR MAY WISH TO TAKE SUITABLE OCCASION TO TELL SPRINGER THAT PRESIDENT APPRECIATED HIS CONDOLENCES, AND HAS CONVEYED HIS MESSAGE TO MRS. KENNEDY AND MEMBERS OF THE SENATOR'S FAMILY. RUSK

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White House (Mr. Fried) approved with
addition of sentence (Ruth Booth to jmj, 6/17/68)

June 14, 1968

Date

*Telegram sent 6/17/68, LXB
1:30 pm*

Mr. Walt W. Rostow
The White House

The enclosed is for White House
clearance prior to transmission.

Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary

Enclosure:

**Telegram to Amembassy: BONN re
condolence message on Kennedy death**

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1. There follows text of condolence message on Kennedy death which Axel Springer sent President Johnson.

QTE We are all shocked by the senseless murder of Senator Robert Kennedy. More than ever these days our thoughts are with the American people, its leaders and especially the bereaved family.

Sincerely, Axel Springer UNQTE

2. Ambassador may wish to take suitable occasion to tell Springer that President appreciated his condolences, and has conveyed his message to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Senator's family.

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PRESIDENT LYNDON B. JOHNSON THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTONDC

WE ARE ALL SHOCKED BY THE SENSELESS MURDER OF SENATOR

ROBERT KENNEDY STOP MORE THAN EVER THESE DAYS OUR THOUGHTS

ARE WITH THE AMERICAN PEOPLE ITS LEADERS AND ESPECIALLY

³ THE BEREAVED FAMILY

SINCERELY AXEL SPRINGER

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TO AMEMBASSY BONN

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1. PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO EX-CHANCELLOR ERHARD:

QTE DEAR MR. CHANCELLOR:

I WAS TOUCHED BY YOUR MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCE ON THE DEATH OF SENATOR KENNEDY AND BY YOUR HOPES FOR PEACE WHICH, AS YOU KNOW, I SHARE. KIND THOUGHTS FROM OLD FRIENDS ARE ESPECIALLY WELCOME ON SUCH SAD OCCASIONS.

SINCERELY,

LYNDON B. JOHNSON UNQTE

2. WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE MESSAGE, BUT HAS NO OBJECTION TO RELEASE BY ERHARD.

3. FOLLOWING, FYI, IS ENGLISH TEXT OF EX-CHANCELLOR ERHARD'S MESSAGE TO THE PRESIDENT:

QTE DEAR MR. PRESIDENT,

MY ESTEEMED FRIEND,

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IT WAS WITH GREAT PLEASURE THAT I RECEIVED THE PHOTO ALBUM. THE PICTURES WILL ALWAYS REMIND ME, IN GRATEFUL REMEMBRANCE AND APPRECIATION, OF THE MANY MEETINGS AND TALKS WHICH I HAD THE PLEASURE AND HONOR OF HAVING WITH YOU.

I FULFILL A SAD DUTY WHEN I EXPRESS TO YOU, THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, MY CINCERE CONDOLENCES ON THE CRUEL DEATH OF SENATOR KENNEDY. MAY YOUR COUNTRY BE SPARED FROM FURTHER DISTURBANCES AND MAY YOU SUCCEED IN BRINGING ABOUT PEACE IN VIETNAM WHILE STILL IN OFFICE.

WITH DEEP RESPECT AND CORDIAL REGARDS, I AM,

YOURS TRULY,

LUDWIG ERHARD UNQTE

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Washington, D.C. 20520

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WALT W. ROSTOW
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Kennedy Death--FRG Ex-Chancellor
Erhard's Letter of Condolence to
the President

In reply to Mr. Smith's request of June 17, I enclose ex-FRG Chancellor Erhard's letter to the President of June 8, 1968 sending his condolences on the death of Senator Kennedy, thanking the President for a souvenir photo album, and wishing the President success in his quest for peace in Viet-Nam.

The President has seen ex-Chancellor Erhard on several occasions since his departure from office in November 1966, the last time in March of this year, when the President gave a luncheon for him at the White House. In view of the friendly personal relations between the President and the former Chancellor, I would recommend a personal reply from the President. A suggested text is enclosed.

Benjamin H. Read
Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary

Enclosures:

1. Ex-Chancellor Erhard's letter to the President.
2. Suggested reply.

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Professor Dr. Ludwig Erhard

Bonn, June 8, 1968

Dear Mr. President,

My esteemed friend,

It was with great pleasure that I received the photo album. The pictures will always remind me, in grateful remembrance and appreciation, of the many meetings and talks which I had the pleasure and honor of having with you.

I fulfill a sad duty when I express to you, the President of the United States, my sincere condolences on the cruel death of Senator Kennedy. May your country be spared from further disturbances and may you succeed in bringing about peace in Vietnam while still in office.

With deep respect and cordial regards, I am,

Yours truly,

[Signature]

His Excellency
President of the United States of America,
Lyndon B. Johnson,
The White House,
Washington, D.C.

PROFESSOR DR. LUDWIG ERHARD

Bonn, den 8. Juni 1968

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Sehr verehrter Herr Präsident,
mein hoch geschätzter Freund !

Mit der Übersendung des Fotoalbums haben Sie mir eine ganz große Freude bereitet. Die Bilder werden mich immer in dankbarer Erinnerung und Verbundenheit der vielen Begegnungen und Gespräche gedenken lassen, die ich das Glück und die Ehre hatte, mit Ihnen führen zu dürfen.

Ich erfülle eine traurige Pflicht, wenn ich Ihnen, dem Präsidenten der Vereinigten Staaten, zu dem grausamen Tod von Senator Kennedy mein herzliches Beileid ausspreche. Möge Ihr Land von weiteren Wirren verschont bleiben und möge es Ihnen gelingen, noch während Ihrer Amtszeit den Frieden in Vietnam einzuleiten.

Mit besonderer Wertschätzung und herzlichen Grüßen
bin ich, Herr Präsident,

Ihre ergebener

Willy Brandt

S.E.
dem Präsidenten
der Vereinigten Staaten von Amerika
Herrn Lyndon B. Johnson
The White House
Washington D.C.

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1. PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO EX-CHANCELLOR ERHARD:

QTE Dear Mr. Chancellor:

I was touched by your message of condolence on the cruel death of Senator Kennedy and ^{by} your hopes for peace which, as you know, I share. Kind thoughts from old friends are especially welcome on such sad occasions.

Sincerely,

Lyndon B. Johnson UNOTE

2. White House does not plan to release message, but has no objection to release by Erhard.

3. Following, FYI, is English text of ex-Chancellor Erhard's message to the President:

QTE Dear Mr. President,

My esteemed friend,

It was with great pleasure that I received the photo album. The pictures will always remind me, in grateful remembrance

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and appreciation, of the many meetings and talks which I had the pleasure and honor of having with you.

I fulfill a sad duty when I express to you, the President of the United States, my sincere condolences on the cruel death of Senator Kennedy. May your country be spared from further disturbances and may you succeed in bringing about peace in Vietnam while still in office.

With deep respect and cordial regards, I am,

Yours truly,

Ludwig Erhard UNOTE

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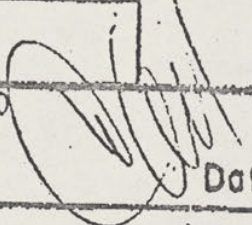
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Dear Mr. Chancellor:

I was touched by your message of condolence on the cruel death of Senator Kennedy and by your hopes for peace which, as you know, I share. Kind thoughts from old friends are especially welcome on such sad occasions.

Sincerely,

Lyndon B. Johnson

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WALT W. ROSTOW
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Transmitting FRG Ex-Chancellor
Erhard's Letter to the President

I enclose a letter to the President from FRG
Ex-Chancellor Ludwig Erhard, transmitted through
our Embassy in Bonn.

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Executive Secretary

Enclosure:

Ex-Chancellor Erhard's letter
to the President

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1. QTE THE TRAGIC AND UNTIMELY DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY HAS COME AS A GREAT SHOCK TO ALL AMERICANS. ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES, I EXPRESS MY DEEPEST APPRECIATION FOR YOUR WORDS OF SYMPATHY AND UNDERSTANDING.
UNQTE

2. QTE THE KNOWLEDGE THAT YOU AND YOUR COUNTRYMEN SHARE OUR GRIEF IS A SOURCE OF GREAT COMFORT AND CONSOLATION. I SHALL TRANSMIT YOUR MESSAGE TO MRS. KENNEDY AND MEMBERS OF THE SENATOR'S FAMILY. LYNDON B. JOHNSON UNQTE

3. WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE MESSAGE, BUT HAS NO OBJECTION TO RELEASE BY GENERAL ANKRAH.

4. FOLLOWING, FYI, IS TEXT OF GENERAL ANKRAH'S MESSAGE TO THE PRESIDENT:

QTE WE HAVE HEARD WITH PROFOUND SHOCK AND HORROR, THE NEWS OF THE TRAGIC DEATH OF MR. ROBERT KENNEDY AS A RESULT OF INJURIES HE RECEIVED FROM AN ASSASSIN'S BULLET IN LOS ANGELES YESTERDAY.

QTE FOLLOWING SO SOON AFTER THE RECENT MURDER OF

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THE REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. THIS DASTARDLY AND VILLAINOUS MURDER OF ROBERT KENNEDY IS A GREAT BLOW TO ALL THOSE WHO CHERISH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ORDERLY HUMAN SOCIETIES IN WHICH THE SECURITY OF THE INDIVIDUAL IRRESPECTIVE OF HIS COLOUR, CREED, RELIGION OR POLITICAL VIEWS, SHALL BE GUARANTEED.

QTE IT IS INDEED A SAD REFLECTION ON OUR PRESENT AGE THAT A MAN OF SUCH INTEGRITY AS ROBERT KENNEDY WHO, LIKE HIS LATE BROTHER JOHN F. KENNEDY AND ALSO LIKE THE LATE REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, STOOD FOR THE HIGH PRINCIPLES OF HUMAN BROTHERHOOD AND RACIAL EQUALITY SHOULD DIE AT THE ASSASSIN'S HANDS, IN HIS EFFORTS TO BRING A BETTER LIFE NOT ONLY TO HIS PEOPLE, BUT TO ALL MANKIND.

QTE IT IS OUR FERVENT HOPE THAT THE NOBLE IDEAL FOR WHICH ROBERT KENNEDY STOOD WILL NOT DIE WITH HIM, BUT RATHER THAT HIS UNTIMELY DEATH WILL INSPIRE US TO GREATER EFFORTS TOWARDS THE REALISATION OF THOSE IDEALS.

QTE AMERICA HAS LOST ANOTHER GREAT SON, WHO SYMBOLISED THE HOPES AND ASPIRATIONS OF MILLIONS OF ITS CITIZENS.

QTE I WISH ON BEHALF OF MY COLLEAGUES OF THE NATIONAL LIBERATION COUNCIL, THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF GHANA AND ON MY OWN BEHALF TO CONVEY TO YOU, AND THROUGH YOU TO THE BEREAVED KENNEDY FAMILY, AND TO THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES, OUR HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES FOR THIS GREAT AND IRREPARABLE LOSS. JOSEPH A. ANKRAH. UNQUOTE RUSK

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ON INSTRUCTIONS OF PRIME MINISTER PAPADOPOULOS, AMBASSADOR YANNAKAKIS, DIRECTOR OF DIPLOMATIC OFFICE FOR THE PRIME MINISTER, CALLED ON ME JUNE 6 TO EXPRESS GREEK GOVERNMENT'S CONDOLENCES TO USG AND AMERICAN PEOPLE FOR KILLING OF SENATOR KENNEDY. EMISSARY EXPRESSED ANTICIPATED SENTIMENTS AND ADDED PRIME MINISTER'S PROFOUND HOPES FOR SUCCESS OF AMERICANS IN MEETING CURRENT TROUBLES. HE ASKED THAT THIS MESSAGE BE CONVEYED TO THE PRESIDENT.

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO KING CONSTANTINE:

1. QTE THE TRAGIC AND UNTIMELY DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY HAS COME AS A GREAT SHOCK TO ALL AMERICANS. ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES, I EXPRESS MY DEEPEST APPRECIATION FOR YOUR WORDS OF SYMPATHY. UNQTE

2. QTE THE KNOWLEDGE THAT YOUR COUNTRYMEN SHARE OUR GRIEF IS A SOURCE OF GREAT COMFORT AND CONSOLATION. I SHALL TRANSMIT YOUR MESSAGE TO MRS. KENNEDY AND MEMBERS OF THE SENATOR'S FAMILY. LYNDON B. JOHNSON UNQTE

3. WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE MESSAGE, BUT HAS NO OBJECTION TO RELEASE BY KING CONSTANTINE.

4. FOLLOWING, FYI, IS TEXT OF KING CONSTANTINE'S MESSAGE TO THE PRESIDENT:

QTE THE PEOPLE OF GREECE, THE QUEEN AND I SHARE IN THE SHOCK AND GRIEF THAT HAVE STRICKEN THE AMERICAN NATION TODAY. I WISH TO EXPRESS TO YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, AND THROUGH YOU TO THE FAMILY OF SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY AND TO THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY. CONSTANTINE R. END

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FROM KING CONSTANTINE:

QUOTE
THE PEOPLE OF GREECE, THE QUEEN AND I SHARE IN THE SHOCK AND
GRIEF THAT HAVE STRICKEN THE AMERICAN NATION TODAY. I WISH
TO EXPRESS TO YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, AND THROUGH YOU TO THE FAMILY
OF SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY AND TO THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES
OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY. CONSTANTINE R.
END QUOTE.
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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

DEEPLY GRIEVED BY THE TRAGIC DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY
COMMUNIST DISTINGUISHED POLITICIAN COMMUNIST PLEASE ACCEPT YOUR
EXCELLENCY ON BEHALF OF GREEK PEOPLE AND MYSELF SINCERE
CONDOLENCES

GEORGE ZOITAKIS LIEUTENANT GENERAL REGENT



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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO MENDEZ
MONTENEGRO:

1. QTE THE TRAGIC AND UNTIMELY DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT F.
KENNEDY HAS COME AS A GREAT SHOCK TO ALL AMERICANS. ON BEHALF
OF THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES, I EXPRESS MY DEEPEST APPRE-
CIATION FOR YOUR WORDS OF SYMPATHY. UNQTE

2. QTE THE KNOWLEDGE THAT YOUR COUNTRYMEN SHARE OUR GRIEF IS
A SOURCE OF GREAT COMFORT AND CONSOLATION. I SHALL TRANSMIT YOUR
MESSAGE TO MRS. KENNEDY AND MEMBERS OF THE SENATOR'S FAMILY.
LYNDON B. JOHNSON UNQTE

3. WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE MESSAGE, BUT HAS NO
OBJECTION TO RELEASE BY GOG.

4. FOLLOWING, FYI, IS TEXT OF MENDEZ MONTENEGRO'S MESSAGE TO
THE PRESIDENT:

QTE HONDAMENTE CONSTERNADO TRAGICO FALLECIMIENTO ILUSTRE
HOMBRE PUBLICO SENADOR ROBERT KENNEDY ALTO EXPONENTE REPRESENTATIVO
DEMOCRACIA AMERICANA PATENTIZOLE PROFUNDA CONDOLENCIA PUEBLO
Y GOBIERNO DE GUATEMALA PUNTO SIRVASE ACEPTAR CON LAS DE-
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ALTA ESTIMA. JULIO CESAR MENDEZ MONTENEGRO, PRESIDENTE DE
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THE PRESIDENT

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HONDAMENTE CONSTERNADO TRAGICO FALLECIMIENTO ILUSTRE HOMBRE
PUBLICO SENADOR ROBERT KENNEDY ALTO EXPONENTE REPRESENTATIVO
DEMOCRACIA AMERICANA PATENTIZOLE PROFUNDA CONDOLENCIA PUEBLO
Y GOBIERNO DE GUATEMALA PUNTO SIRVASE ACEPTAR CON LAS DE-
MOSTRACIONES DE SINCERO PESAR LA REITERADA EXPRESION DE MI
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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

DEEPLY SHOCKED OVER THE TRAGIC DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY,
EMINENT STATESMAN AND NOBLE EXPONENT OF AMERICAN DEMOCRACY, I EXTEND
TO YOUR EXCELLENCY THE SINCERE CONDOLENCES OF THE PEOPLE AND GOVERNMENT
OF GUATEMALA. PLEASE ACCEPT, WITH THIS EXPRESSION OF MY HEARTFELT
SYMPATHY, THE RENEWED ASSURANCE OF MY HIGH ESTEEM.

JULIO CESAR MENDEZ MONTENEGRO

PRESIDENT OF GUATEMALA



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1. PLS PASS FOL MSG TO PRESIDENT TOURE FROM PRESIDENT JOHNSON:

BEGIN QUOTE YOUR EXCELLENCY'S MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCE ON THE TRAGIC OCCASION OF THE DEATH OF SENATOR KENNEDY WAS A SOURCE OF CONSOLATION DURING THESE PAST DIFFICULT DAYS. I AM MOST GRATEFUL TO YOU FOR YOUR CONCERN AND SYMPATHY. I SHALL TRANSMIT YOUR MESSAGE TO MRS. KENNEDY AND MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY.
LYNDON B. JOHNSON END QUOTE

2. WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE MSG, BUT HAS NO OBJECTION TO RELEASE BY PRESIDENT TOURE.

3. FYI FOLLOWING IS TRANSLATION OF MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TOURE TO PRESIDENT JOHNSON: QUOTE HAVE LEARNED WITH CONSTERNATION SAD NEWS OF UNFORTUNATE DEATH SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY. TO BEREAVED KENNEDY FAMILY AND TO AMERICAN PEOPLE PREMATURELY DEPRIVED OF ONE OF HER BEST SONS, GUINEAN PEOPLE AND GOVERNMENT SEND THEIR VERY PROFOUND CONDOLENCES. ENERGETICALLY CONDEMN ASSASSINATION AS MEANS OF POLITICAL STRUGGLE AND JOIN WITH YOU TO CASTIGATE THIS ODIOS CRIME THAT THE ENTIRE WORLD DEPLORES. HIGHEST CONSIDERATION, AHMED SEKOU TOURE. END QUOTE RUSK

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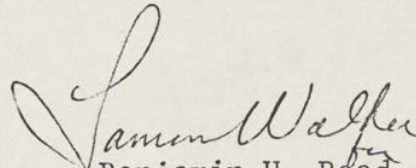
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WALT W. ROSTOW
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Kennedy Condolence Message from
President Toure of Guinea

The Department proposes the enclosed language
for a reply to President Toure's message of
condolence on the death of Senator Kennedy.


Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary

Enclosures:

1. Suggested Reply
2. President Toure's Message

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1. Please pass following message to President Toure from President Johnson:

BEGIN QUOTE Your Excellency's message of condolence on the tragic occasion of the ~~assassination~~ death of Senator Kennedy was a source of consolation during these past difficult days. I am most grateful to you for ^{your} ~~the~~ concern and sympathy. ~~you have~~ ~~shown~~ I shall transmit your message to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the family.

LYNDON B. JOHNSON

END QUOTE

2. White House does not plan to release message, but has no objection to release by President Toure.

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3. FYI Following is translation of message ~~received~~ from President Toure to President Johnson: QUOTE Have learned with consternation sad news of unfortunate death Senator Robert Kennedy. To bereaved Kennedy family and to American people prematurely deprived of one of her best sons, Guinean people

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and government send their very profound condolences. Energetically
condemn assassination as means of political struggle and join with
you to castigate this odious crime that the entire world deplores.
Highest consideration, Ahmed Sekou Toure. END XXI QUOTE

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Suggested Reply

Dear Mr. President:

Your Excellency's message of condolence on the tragic occasion of the death of Senator Kennedy was a source of consolation during these past difficult days. I am most grateful to you for your concern and sympathy. I shall transmit your message to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the family.

Lyndon B. Johnson

His Excellency
Ahmed Sekou Toure,
President of the Republic of Guinea,
Conakry.

Conakry, Guinea
June 7, 1968

The President
The White House
Washington

Have learned with consternation sad news of unfortunate death Senator Robert Kennedy. To bereaved Kennedy family and to American people prematurely deprived of one of her best sons, Guinean people and government send their very profound condolences. Energetically condemn assassination as means of political struggle and join with you to castigate this odious crime that the entire world deplores. Highest consideration.

Ahmed Sekou Toure



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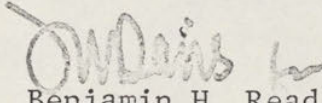
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WALT W. ROSTOW
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Message to the President from the
Ambassador of Guyana

In response to the message of condolence sent
by the Guyana Ambassador on behalf of the Prime
Minister on the death of Senator Kennedy, I
recommend that a letter of acknowledgement be
sent by Mr. Oliver to the Ambassador on behalf
of the President.


Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary

Enclosures:

1. Suggested message.
2. Telegram from Ambassador Carter.

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His Excellency
Sir John Carter
Ambassador of Guyana

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

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The President has asked that I thank you for your kind message of condolence on behalf of the Prime Minister, the Government and people of Guyana upon the death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. Your kind words of sympathy were deeply appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

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C. T. Oliver

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THE WHITE HOUSE

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ON BEHALF OF THE PRIME MINISTER THE GOVERNMENT AND

THE PEOPLE OF GUYANA I EXTEND TO YOU MR PRESIDENT

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY AT YET ANOTHER TRAGIC LOSS SUFFERED

BY THE PEOPLE OF AMERICA. THE PASSING OF SENATOR ROBERT

F KENNEDY WILL BE MOURNED EVERYWHERE BY MEN OF GOODWILL

AND BY THE UNDERPRIVILEGED AND OPPRESSED WHOSE CAUSE

HE SO OFTEN CHAMPIONED

JOHN CARTER AMBASSADOR OF GUYANA.

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

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THE PEOPLE OF GUYANA I EXTEND TO YOU MR PRESIDENT
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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO PRESIDENT LOPEZ:

1. QTE THE TRAGIC AND UNTIMELY DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY HAS COME AS A GREAT SHOCK TO ALL AMERICANS. ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES, I EXPRESS MY DEEPEST APPRECIATION FOR YOUR WORDS OF SYMPATHY. UNQTE

2. QTE THE KNOWLEDGE THAT YOUR COUNTRYMEN SHARE OUR GRIEF IS A SOURCE OF GREAT COMFORT AND CONSOLATION. I SHALL TRANSMIT YOUR MESSAGE TO MRS. KENNEDY AND MEMBERS OF THE SENATOR'S FAMILY. LYNDON B. JOHNSON UNQTE

3. WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE MESSAGE, BUT HAS NO OBJECTION TO RELEASE BY PRESIDENT LOPEZ.

4. FOLLOWING, FYI, IS SPANISH TEXT OF PRESIDENT LOPEZ' MESSAGE TO THE PRESIDENT:

QTE NOMBRE PUEBLO Y GOBIERNO HONDURAS HONRAME EXPRESAR ALI PUEBLO Y GOBIERNO AMERICANOS SENTIMIENTOS DE HONDA PENA POR INESPERADO FALLECIMIENTO ILUSTRE SENADOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY, QUIEN DESTAGOSE EN SU VIDA PUBLICA COMO ABANDERADO DE UNA NUEVA CRUZADA DE PAZ, CONCORDIA Y HERMANDAD UNIVERSALES. OSWALDO LOPEZ ARELLANO, PRESIDENTE DE LA REPUBLICA DE HONDURAS UNQTE. RUSK

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NOBRE PUEBLO Y GOBIERNO HONDURAS MONRAME EXPRESAR AL PUEBLO
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FALLECIMIENTO ILUSTRE SENADOR. ROBERT F KENNEDY, QUIEN DESTACOSE
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OSVALDO LOPEZ ARELLANO PRESIDENTE DE LA REPUBLICA DE HONDURAS



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SUBJECT: HONDURAN PRESIDENT'S CONDOLENCES TO KENNEDY FAMILY

1. PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING TELEGRAM FROM PRESIDENT OF HONDURAS, OSWALDO LOPEZ ARELLANO, TO WIDOW OF SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY AND KENNEDY FAMILY:

QUOTE HIS EXCELLENCY THE EMBASSADOR OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, TEGUCIGALPA. I OFFER TO YOUR EXCELLENCY AND THE PERSONNEL OF YOUR EMBASSY THIS EXPRESSION OF MY PROFOUND GRIEF FOR THE DEATH OF THE VERY ILLUSTRIOUS SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY, WHOSE LOSS IS JUSTLY FELT THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. SINCERELY, OSWALDO LOPEZ ARELLANO.
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2. ON BEHALF OF AMBASSADOR, CHARGE HAS MADE APPROPRIATE REPLY.
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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

IN THE NAME OF THE PEOPLE AND GOVERNMENT OF HONDURAS, I HAVE
THE HONOR TO EXPRESS TO THE PEOPLE AND GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES
SINCERE CONDOLENCES ON THE SUDDEN DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY,
WHO DISTINGUISHED HIMSELF IN HIS PUBLIC LIFE AS THE STANDARD BEARER OF
A NEW CRUSADE FOR WORLD PEACE, HARMONY, AND BROTHERHOOD.

OSWALDO LOPEZ ARELLANO

PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF HONDURAS



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OF CABEI:

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KENNEDY HAS COME AS A GREAT SHOCK TO ALL AMERICANS. ONI BEHALF
OF THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES, I EXPRESS MY DEEPEST
APPRECIATION FOR YOUR WORDS OF SYMPATHY. LYNDON B. JOHNSON UNQTE

2. WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE MSG, BUT HAS NO OBJECTION
TO RELEASE BY CABEI.

3. FOLLOWING, FYI, IS TEXT OF ARMIJO'S MSG TO THE PRESIDENT:
QTE EL BANCO CENTROAMERICANO DE INTERGRACION ECONOMICA AL
LAMENTAR EL SENCIBLE DECESO DEL SENADOR ROBERT KENNEDY, SE
UNE A LA PENA QUE EMBARGA AL PUEBLO HERMANO DE LOS ESTADOS
UNIDOS DE AMERICA.
JORGE ARMIJO MEJIA
PRESIDENTE EN FUNCIONES OANCADIE UNQTE. RUSK

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY TO TIBURCIO CARIAS CASTILLO, MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS:

1. QTE THANK YOU FOR YOUR THOUGHTFUL MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCE ON THE TRAGIC DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY. YOUR SYMPATHY AT THIS TIME OF NATIONAL SORROW IS DEEPLY APPRECIATED.

2. QTE I SHALL, AS YOU REQUESTED, TRANSMIT YOUR MESSAGE TO MRS. KENNEDY AND MEMBERS OF THE SENATOR'S FAMILY. SINCERELY,
DEAN RUSK UNQTE

3. DEPARTMENT DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE MESSAGE, BUT HAS NO OBJECTION TO RELEASE BY MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. RUSK

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TO AMEMBASSY REYKJAVIK

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO PRESIDENT
ASGEIRSSON

1. QUOTE ALL OF AMERICA MOURNS THE LOSS OF SENATOR ROBERT F.
KENNEDY. PLEASE ACCEPT MY APPRECIATION AND THAT OF MY
COUNTRYMEN FOR YOUR THOUGHTFUL WORDS OF CONDOLENCE.

2. WE DRAW COMFORT FROM THE KNOWLEDGE THAT YOU AND YOUR
COUNTRYMEN SHARE OUR GRIEF. I SHALL PASS YOUR MESSAGE ON TO
MRS. KENNEDY AND THE SENATOR'S FAMILY. LYNDON B. JOHNSON
UNQUOTE.

3. WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE MESSAGE, BUT HAS NO
OBJECTION TO RELEASE BY PRESIDENT ASGEIRSSON.

4. FOLLOWING, FYI, IS TEXT OF PRESIDENT ASGEIRSSON'S MESSAGE
TO THE PRESIDENT:

QUOTE PLEASE ALLOW ME MR. PRESIDENT TO SEND YOU PERSONALLY
AND THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES MY SINCEREST CONDOLENCES
AND THOSE OF THE PEOPLE OF ICELAND ON THE VERY TRAGIC OCCASION
OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY'S FUNERAL. UNQUOTE. RUSK

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WALT W. ROSTOW
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Suggested Reply to Icelandic
President's Telegram of Condolence
to the President on the Death
of Senator Robert F. Kennedy

Both the President and the Prime Minister of
Iceland have sent the President messages of condolence
on the death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. In our
reply to the Prime Minister, we have employed the
text previously approved by the White House.
Accordingly, to avoid duplication, we recommend
the enclosed telegram be sent to the President of
Iceland. We would plan to send the messages to
the President and the Prime Minister simultaneously.

Benjamin H. Read
Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary

Enclosures:

1. Suggested Reply
2. Incoming Message

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Suggested Reply

All of America mourns the loss of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. Please accept my appreciation and that of my countrymen for your thoughtful words of condolence.

We draw comfort from the knowledge that you and your countrymen share our grief. I shall pass your message on to Mrs. Kennedy and the Senator's family.

Lyndon B. Johnson

His Excellency
Asgier Asgeirsson,
President of Iceland.

Reykjavik
June 7, 1968

The President
The White House
Washington

Please allow me Mr. President to send you personally
and the people of the United States my sincerest
condolences and those of the people of Iceland on the
very tragic occasion of Senator Robert F. Kennedy's
funeral.

Asgeir Asgeirsson
President of the
Republic of Iceland



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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO BJARNI BENEDIKTSSON

1. QUOTE THE TRAGIC AND UNTIMELY DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY HAS COME AS A GREAT SHOCK TO ALL AMERICANS. ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES, I EXPRESS MY DEEPEST APPRECIATION FOR YOUR WORDS OF SYMPATHY.

2. THE KNOWLEDGE THAT YOUR COUNTRYMEN SHARE OUR GRIEF IS A SOURCE OF GREAT COMFORT AND CONSOLATION. I SHALL TRANSMIT YOUR MESSAGE TO MRS. KENNEDY AND MEMBERS OF THE SENATOR'S FAMILY. LYNDON B. JOHNSON UNQUOTE

3. WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE MESSAGE, BUT HAS NO OBJECTION TO RELEASE BY PRIME MINISTER.

4. FOLLOWING, FYI, IS TEXT OF PRIME MINISTER'S MESSAGE TO THE PRESIDENT:

QUOTE ON THE OCCASION OF THE TRAGIC AND UNTIMELY DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY PERMIT ME TO EXPRESS TO YOU MR. PRESIDENT, THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY OF THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PEOPLE OF ICELAND. BJARNI BENEDIKTSSON UNQUOTE. RUSK

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

ON THE OCCASION OF THE TRAGIC AND UNTIMELY DEATH OF SENATOR
ROBERT KENNEDY PERMIT ME TO EXPRESS TO YOU MR. PRESIDENT
THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY OF THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PEOPLE OF ICELAND

BJARNI BENEDIKTSSON



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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO PRESIDENT
HUSAIN OF INDIA:

1. QTE THE TRAGIC AND UNTIMELY DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT F.
KENNEDY HAS COME AS A GREAT SHOCK TO ALL AMERICANS. ON BEHALF OF
THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES, I EXPRESS MY DEEPEST APPRECIATION
FOR YOUR WORDS OF SYMPATHY. UNQTE

2. QTE THE KNOWLEDGE THAT YOUR COUNTRYMEN SHARE OUR GRIEF
IS A SOURCE OF GREAT COMFORT AND CONSOLATION. I SHALL TRANSMIT
YOUR MESSAGE TO MRS. KENNEDY AND MEMBERS OF THE SENATOR'S
FAMILY. LYNDON B. JOHNSON UNQTE

3. WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE MESSAGE, BUT HAS
NO OBJECTION TO RELEASE BY PRESIDENT HUSAIN.

4. FOLLOWING, FYI, IS TEXT OF PRESIDENT HUSAIN'S MESSAGE TO
THE PRESIDENT:

QTE WE ARE DEEPLY GRIEVED TO LEARN OF THE TRAGIC AND UNTIMELY
DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY. A CAREER OF GREAT PROMISE
HAS BEEN CUT SHORT LEAVING THE UNITED STATES AND THE WORLD
POORER FOR THE LOSS. ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PEOPLE

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OF INDIA I CONVEY TO YOU, THE BEREAVED FAMILY, AND THE AMERICAN
PEOPLE OUR PROFOUND SENSE OF SORROW AT THE GRIEVOUS TRAGEDY.
DR. ZAKIR HUSAIN UNQTE. RUSK

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PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES WASHINGTON

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³ DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY A CAREER OF GREAT PROMISE HAS
BEEN CUT SHORT LEAVING THE UNITED STATES AND THE WORLD POORER
FOR THE LOSS ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT

² AND THE PEOPLE OF INDIA I CONVEY

TO YOU THE BEREAVED FAMILY AND THE AMERICAN PEOPLE OUR PROFOUND
SENSE OF SORROW AT THE GRIEVOUS TRAGEDY

DR ZAKIR HUSAIN PRESIDENT OF INDIA CAMP BUDAPEST

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TO AMEMBASSY DJAKARTA

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO PRESIDENT SUHARTO:

1. QTE: THE TRAGIC AND UNTIMELY DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY HAS COME AS A GREAT SHOCK TO ALL AMERICANS. ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES, I EXPRESS MY DEEPEST APPRECIATION FOR YOUR MESSAGE OF SYMPATHY.

2. QTE: THE KNOWLEDGE THAT YOUR COUNTRYMEN SHARE OUR GRIEF IS A SOURCE OF GREAT COMFORT AND CONSOLATION. I SHALL TRANSMIT YOUR MESSAGE TO MRS. KENNEDY AND MEMBERS OF THE SENATOR'S FAMILY. LYNDON B. JOHNSON. UNQTE.

3. WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE MESSAGE, BUT HAS NO OBJECTION TO RELEASE BY PRESIDENT SUHARTO.

4. FOLLOWING, FYI, IS TEXT OF SUHARTO'S MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT:

QTE: ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA AND MY OWN BEHALF, I WISH TO CONVEY TO YOUR EXCELLENCY MY PROFOUND CONDOLENCES ON THE SAD DEMISE OF SENATOR KENNEDY. HIS PASSING AWAY IS NOT ONLY A GREAT LOSS TO YOUR COUNTRY, BUT ALSO TO THOSE WHO HAVE ALWAYS ADMIRERD THE GREAT SERVICE HE HAS RENDERED TO THE CAUSE OF JUSTICE AND PEACE THROUGHOUT

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THE WORLD. MAY HIS SOUL REST IN PEACE AND MAY GOD THE ALMIGHTY
RELIEVE THE BURDEN OF THE BEREAVED FAMILY. GENERAL SUHARTO,
PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA. UNQTE.
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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

QUOTE OUR HEARTS ARE FILLED WITH SORROW AT THE TRAGEDY

THAT HAS STRUCK THE AMERICAN NATION. SENATOR ROBERT

KENNEDYS UNTIMELY AND CRUEL DEMISE IS A GRIEVOUS LOSS NOT

ONLY TO AMERICA BUT TO THE ENTIRE WORLD. ON BEHALF OF THE

ENTIRE INDONESIAN DIPLOMATIC MISSION AND THE INDONESIAN

COMMUNITY IN THE US, I EXTEND OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHIES TO YOU

AND THROUGH YOU TO THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF THE US UNQUOTE

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SOEDJATMOKO AMBASSADOR OF INDONESIA.



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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WALT W. ROSTOW
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Condolences on the Death of Senator
Robert F. Kennedy

Enclosed is a message to the President from Indonesian Ambassador Soedjatmoko in Washington expressing condolences with regard to the tragic death of Senator Kennedy.

It is proposed that Assistant Secretary Bundy reply to the Ambassador on behalf of the President, and a suggested reply for White House clearance is also enclosed. If you agree that this is appropriate, Mr. Bundy will respond directly to the Ambassador's message along the lines of the enclosed draft.


Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary

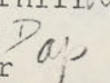
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1. Message from
Ambassador Soedjatmoko.
2. Suggested reply.

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The President
The White House

Our hearts are filled with sorrow at the tragedy that has struck the American nation. Senator Robert Kennedy's untimely and cruel demise is a grievous loss not only to America but to the entire world. On behalf of the entire Indonesian diplomatic mission and the Indonesian community in the United States, I extend our deepest sympathies to you and through you to the government and people of the United States.

Soedjatmoko, Ambassador of Indonesia.

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

The President has asked me to express his deepest appreciation for your message of sympathy on the occasion of the tragic and untimely death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. As you who have been in our midst during this sad time are aware, this tragedy has come as a great shock to all Americans.

Your message is a source of comfort and consolation, and at the President's request I am transmitting it to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the late Senator's family.

Sincerely,

William P. Bundy

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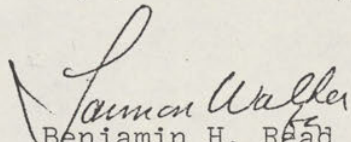
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WALT W. ROSTOW
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Telegram of Condolence to the President
From the Shah of Iran on the Death of
Senator Kennedy

In view of the fact that the Shah has visited
Washington and talked with the President since the
Shah's telegram was sent from Addis Ababa, the
Department recommends that no reply to the telegram
be sent.


Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary

Enclosure:

Copy of Shah of Iran's
Telegram

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ETATPRIORITY THE HONOURABLE LYNDON B. JOHNSON PRESIDENT OF THE
UNITED STATES AMERICA WASHINGTONDC.

THE EMPRESS AND I HAVE LEARNED WITH GREAT SORROW OF THE TRAGIC
NEWS OF THE ASSASSINATION OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY. WHILE FULLY
SHARING YOUR GRIEF ON THIS SAD OCCASION WE WISH TO CONVEY TO
YOU MR PRESIDENT AS WELL AS TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE OUR SINCERE
AND HEARTFELT SYMPATHY

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TO AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO PRIME MINISTER ESHKOL

1. QTE THE TRAGIC AND UNTIMELY DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY HAS COME AS A GREAT SHOCK TO ALL AMERICANS. ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES, I EXPRESS MY DEEPEST APPRECIATION FOR YOUR WORDS OF SYMPATHY. UNQTE

2. QTE THE KNOWLEDGE THAT YOUR COUNTRYMEN SHARE OUR GRIEF IS A SOURCE OF GREAT COMFORT AND CONSOLATION. I SHALL TRANSMIT YOUR MESSAGE TO MRS. KENNEDY AND MEMBERS OF THE SENATOR'S FAMILY. LYNDON B. JOHNSON UNQTE

3. WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE MESSAGE, BUT HAS NO OBJECTION TO RELEASE BY PRIME MINISTER ESHKOL.

4. FOLLOWING, FYI, IS TEXT OF PRIME MINISTER ESHKOL'S MESSAGE TO THE PRESIDENT:

QTE IN GRIEF AND SHOCK I EXTEND TO YOU MY HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES, THOSE OF MY COLLEAGUES IN THE GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL AND OF MY COUNTRYMEN, IN THE AMERICAN PEOPLE'S BEREAVEMENT. THAT THE BRIGHT AND PROMISING FLAME OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY'S LIFE SHOULD HAVE BEEN SO CRUELLY EXTINGUISHED BY A MISGUIDED ASSASSIN COMPELS MANKIND ANEW TO DO ALL IN HIS POWER TO

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EXORCISE THE EVIL SPIRIT OF HATRED AND VIOLENCE UPON WHICH
SUCH DEEDS BREED. LEVI ESHKOL, PRIME MINISTER OF ISRAEL UNQTE
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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO PRESIDENT SHAZAR

1. QTE IT IS COMFORTING AND CONSOLING THAT YOU AND THE ISRAELI PEOPLE SHARE THE GRIEF AND SHOCK OF ALL AMERICANS AT THE TRAGIC DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY. ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES, I EXPRESS MY DEEPEST THANKS FOR YOUR SYMPATHETIC WORDS. I SHALL TRANSMIT YOUR MESSAGE TO MRS. KENNEDY AND MEMBERS OF THE SENATOR'S FAMILY.
LYNDON B. JOHNSON UNQTE

2. WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE MESSAGE, BUT HAS NO OBJECTION TO RELEASE BY PRESIDENT SHAZAR.

3. FOLLOWING, FYI, IS TEXT OF PRESIDENT SHAZAR'S MESSAGE TO THE PRESIDENT:

QTE FOR MYSELF AND FOR ALL THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL BOWED BY GRIEF FOR THE BRILLIANT AND PRECIOUS LIFE SO UNTIMELY AND SAVAGELY CUT DOWN I SEND PROFOUNDEST SYMPATHY TO YOU AND THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AND WOULD DEEPLY APPRECIATE TRANSMISSION TO MRS. KENNEDY AND THE FAMILY OF OUR SORROWFUL CONDOLENCE IN THEIR INCREDIBLE TRAGIC LOSS. ZALMAN SHAZAR, PRESIDENT OF ISRAEL UNQTE
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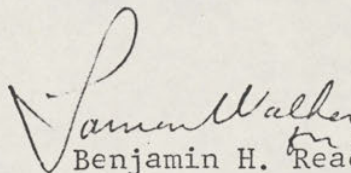
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WALT W. ROSTOW
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Kennedy Condolences from Israeli
President and Prime Minister

The Department proposes to reply to Prime
Minister Eshkol's message using language previously
approved in the White House.

A proposed reply to President Shazar is
enclosed. Copies of the incoming messages are
also enclosed.


Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary

Enclosures:

1. Reply to President Shazar
2. Incoming Messages

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1. QTE It is comforting and consoling that you and the Israeli people share the grief and shock of all Americans at the tragic death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. On behalf of the people of the United States, I express my deepest thanks for your sympathetic words. I shall transmit your message to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Senator's family.

Lyndon B. Johnson UNQTE

2. White House does not plan to release message, but has no objection to release by President Shazar.

3. Following, FYI, is text of President Shazar's message to the President:

QTE For myself and for all the people of Israel bowed by grief for the brilliant and precious life so untimely and savagely cut down I send profoundest sympathy to you and the American people and would deeply appreciate transmission to Mrs. Kennedy and the family of our sorrowful condolence in their incredible tragic loss. Zalman Shazar, President of Israel UNQTE

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THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON D.C.

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UTTERLY SHOCKED BY THE RENEWED TRAGEDY THAT BEFELL THE AMERICAN
PEOPLE WITH THE DASTARDLY ATTEMPT ON THE LIFE OF SENATOR ROBERT F.
KENNEDY. IN COMMON WITH ALL THOSE WHO ABHORS VIOLENCE AS A MEANS OF
SHAPING THE AFFAIRS OF MAN WE PRAY FOR SENATOR KENNEDY'S SPEEDY

RESTORATION TO FULL HEALTH AND TO DYNAMIC PARTICIPATION IN THE
NATION'S AFFAIRS.

LEVY ESHKOL

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PRESIDENT LYNDON B JOHNSON THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTONDC
FOR MYSELF AND FOR ALL THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL BOWED BY
GRIEF FOR THE BRILLIANT AND PRECIOUS LIFE SO UNTIMELY AND
SAVAGELY CUT DOWN I SEND PROFOUNDTEST SYMPATHY TO YOU AND THE
AMERICAN PEOPLE AND WOULD DEEPLY APPRECIATE TRANSMISSION
TO MRS. KENNEDY AND THE FAMILY OF OUR SORROWFUL
CONDOLINCE IN THEIR INCREDIBLE TRAGIC LOSS

ZALM SHAZAR PRESIDENT OF ISRAEL

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PRESIDENT LYNDON B JOHNSON

THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTONDC

IN GRIEF AND SHOCK I EXTEND TO YOU MY HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES.

THOSE OF MY COLLEAGUES IN THE GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL AND OF MY

COUNTRYMEN , IN THE AMERICAN PEOPLES BEREAVEMENT 9 THAT

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FOR MYSELF AND FOR ALL THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL BOWED BY
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SAVAGELY CUT DOWN I SEND PROFOUNDTEST SYMPATHY TO YOU AND THE
AMERICAN PEOPLE AND WOULD DEEPLY APPRECIATE TRANSMISSION
TO MRS KENNEDY AND THE FAMILY OF OUR SORROWFUL
CONDOLENCE IN THEIR INCREDIBLE TRAGIC LOSS

ZALM SHAZAR PRESIDENT OF ISRAEL

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NOTE OF CONDOLENCE ON DEATH SENATOR KENNEDY RECEIVED
BY SPECIAL MESSENGER FROM ISRAELI AMB VARON LATE THIS
MORNING CONTAINED FOLLOWING STATEMENT: "I AM PROFOUNDLY
SHOCKED THAT HIS GALLANT STAND IN FAVOR OF MY COUNTRY
WAS, AS IT SEEMS, A FACTOR IN HIS ASSASSINATION."

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO PRESIDENT SARAGAT:

1. QTE THE TRAGIC AND UNTIMELY DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY HAS COME AS A GREAT SHOCK TO ALL AMERICANS. ONI BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES, I EXPRESS MY DEEPEST APPRECIATION FOR YOUR WORDS OF SYMPATHY. UNQTE
2. QTE THE KNOWLEDGE THAT YOUR COUNTRYMEN SHARE OUR GRIEF IS A SOURCE OF GREAT COMFORT AND CONSOLATION. I SHALL TRANSMIT YOUR MESSAGE TO MRS. KENNEDY AND MEMBERS OF THE SENATOR'S FAMILY. LYNDON B. JOHNSON UNQTE
3. WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE MESSAGE, BUT HAS NO OBJECTION TO RELEASE BY PRESIDENT SARAGAT.
4. FOLLOWING, FYI, IS ENGLISH TEXT OF PRESIDENT SARAGAT'S MESSAGE TO THE PRESIDENT:

QTE THE GREAT SORROW THAT THE TRAGIC DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY, VICTIM OF THE CRUELEST OF ALL ASSASSINATIONS, HAS BROUGHT UPON THE SENATOR'S WIFE, HIS CHILDREN AND HIS FAMILY, AND UPON YOU AS WELL, MR. PRESIDENT, FINDS THE ITALIAN PEOPLE SHARING WITH THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES A FEELING OF HORROR AT THE HATRED THAT ARMED THE ASSASSIN'S HAND AND OF PROFOUND REVERENCE FOR THE MEMORY OF THE MAN WHO DIED ON THE FIELD OF BATTLE FOR

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THE TRIUMPH OF HIS IDEALS AND OF DEMOCRACY. AS IF DRAWN BY AN IRRESISTIBLE FORCE, THIS HERO OF AMERICAN DEMOCRACY SEEMED DESTINED FOR HIS GREAT COUNTRY'S HIGHEST OFFICE; INSTEAD, HE WAS FELLED BY THE STORM OF HATRED THAT ANTI-DEMOCRACY, IN ITS RACIAL, NATIONALISTIC, TOTALITARIAN MANIFESTATIONS, IS UNLEASHING AGAINST THE CHAMPIONS OF FREEDOM THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

THE MEMORY OF ROBERT KENNEDY WILL LIVE FOREVER IN THE HEARTS OF MANKIND, TOGETHER WITH THAT OF HIS BROTHER, PRESIDENT JOHN KENNEDY, WHO PRECEDED HIM IN MARTYRDOM FOR THE SAME CAUSE OF DEMOCRACY.

ACCEPT, MR. PRESIDENT, THE EXPRESSION OF MY HEARTFELT SYMPATHY, WHICH I REQUEST YOU TO CONVEY TO THE KENNEDY FAMILY. GIUSEPPE SARAGAT UNQTE. RUSK

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

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GRANDE FRATELLO IL PRESIDENTE JOHN KENNEDY, CHE LO HA PRECEDUTO
NEL MARTIRIO PER LA STESSA SACRA CAUSA
DELLA DEMOCRAZIA. ACCO GA SIGNOR PRESIDENTE
L'ESPRESSIONE DI QUESTI MEI COMMOSSI SENTIMENTI,
DEL QUALI LA PREGO DI RENDERSI INTERPRETE PRESSO
LA FAMIGLIA DELLO SCOMPARSO GIUSEPPE SARAGAT.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WALT W. ROSTOW
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Suggested Reply to Condolence Message
from His Holiness, Pope Paul VI, on
the Death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy

The President has received the enclosed message
of condolence on the death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy
from His Holiness, Pope Paul VI.

A suggested message of reply is enclosed.

OK

Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary

Enclosures:

1. Copy of Papal message.
2. Suggested message of reply.

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OF AMERICA WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTONDC

DEEPLY SADDENED BY THE UNTIMELY AND VIOLENT PASSING OF SENATOR
ROBERT KENNEDY, WE OFFER YOU OUR SINCERE CONDOLENCES ON THE
LOSS OF AN OUTSTANDING PUBLIC SERVANT, ASKING GOD TO CONSOLE,
GUARD AND BLESS YOU, YOUR FAMILY, THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE
OF THE UNITED STATES

PAULUS PP. VI

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

SUGGESTED MESSAGE

Your Holiness:

I was deeply touched by your compassionate message of condolence on the death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. We draw strength from your prayers for our fellow citizens and for the nation at this sad moment.

Senator Kennedy's belief in the equality of all men, his compassion for the poor, his confidence in the essential goodness of men and his unfailing courage serve as an inspiration for all. As we mourn the passing of this extraordinary young man we dare to hope that what he lived and died for may, with God's help, come to pass.

Sincerely,

Lyndon B. Johnson

His Holiness

Pope Paul VI,

Vatican City.

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1. Please transmit following message to Pope Paul VI:
2. QTE Your Holiness: I am deeply touched by your compassionate message of condolence on the loss which we have suffered in the death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. We draw strength from your prayers for our fellow citizens and for the nation at this sad moment.
3. Senator Kennedy's belief in his fellow man, and his unfailing courage, youthful vigor, and indomitable spirit, have been an inspiration to all those who want to make the world a better place to live in. We mourn his tragic passing. We pray, from the depths of our present anguish, that we may, with God's help, move forward along the road of progress, justice, and healing unity. Lyndon B. Johnson. UNQTE

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THE WHITE HOUSE
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June 15, 1968

Your Holiness:

I was deeply touched by your compassionate message of condolence upon the death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. We draw strength from your prayers for our fellow citizens and for the Nation at this sad moment.

I am pleased that Archbishop Terrence Cooke has agreed to serve on the Presidential Commission appointed to seek out the causes of violence in our country.

Senator Kennedy believed that Americans could, if they would, end the blight of poverty and bigotry. In this he was at one with the political leadership the United States has enjoyed for the past thirty-five years.

I must report that there has been no substantial progress toward a peaceful and just solution of the war in Vietnam during the Paris talks. Meanwhile, the Communists have mounted a savage, indiscriminate attack on Saigon -- on the government of South Vietnam and on ordinary citizens alike.

There is much speculation that these rocket and mortar attacks are designed not only to shake the government, but to give the impression that the Communists hold the military initiative -- and therefore to secure an advantage in Paris. It is a tragedy -- one of many in this war -- that the people of South Vietnam must suffer as they do because of the aggressive intentions of the Communists.

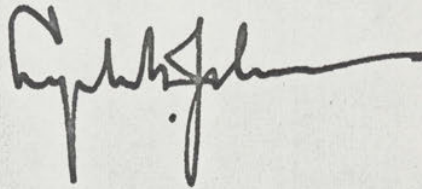
I cannot predict when the North Vietnamese representatives will be more forthcoming in Paris; nor can I estimate how long the Communists' offensive will continue in South Vietnam. I fear that neither will occur as soon as all mankind desires.

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Nevertheless, the United States and those with whom we are allied will continue to seek an honorable peace at the negotiating table, as we shall remain firm in resisting terror and aggression in South Vietnam. I devoutly hope that my next letter to you will bring more hopeful tidings. Unless it is myself, I know of no one on earth who so longs for news of progress toward peace in Vietnam as Your Holiness.

I should tell you that I have greatly enjoyed my chats with the Apostolic Delegate in Washington.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'Paul VI', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

His Holiness
Pope Paul VI
Vatican City

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1. PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING FROM PRESIDENT TO POPE PAUL:

QUOTE:

YOUR HOLINESS:

I WAS DEEPLY TOUCHED BY YOUR COMPASSIONATE MESSAGE OF
CONDOLENCE UPON THE DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY.
WE DRAW STRENGTH FROM YOUR PRAYERS FOR OUR FELLOW CITIZENS
AND FOR THE NATION AT THIS SAD MOMENT.

I AM PLEASED THAT ARCHBISHOP TERENCE COOKE HAS AGREED
TO SERVE ON THE PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION APPOINTED TO SEEK
OUT THE CAUSES OF VIOLENCE IN OUR COUNTRY.

SENATOR KENNEDY BELIEVED THAT AMERICANS COULD, IF THEY
WOULD, END THE BLIGHT OF POVERTY AND BIGOTRY. IN THIS HE
WAS AT ONE WITH THE POLITICAL LEADERSHIP THE UNITED STATES
HAS ENJOYED FOR THE PAST THIRTY-FIVE YEARS.

I MUST REPORT THAT THERE HAS BEEN NO SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS
TOWARD A PEACEFUL AND JUST SOLUTION OF THE WAR IN VIETNAM
DURING THE PARIS TALKS. MEANWHILE, THE COMMUNISTS HAVE
MOUNTED A SAVAGE, INDISCRIMINATE ATTACK ON SAIGON--ON THE
GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH VIETNAM AND ON ORDINARY CITIZENS ALIKE.

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THERE IS MUCH SPECULATION THAT THESE ROCKET AND MORTAR ATTACKS ARE DESIGNED NOT ONLY TO SHAKE THE GOVERNMENT, BUT TO GIVE THE IMPRESSION THAT THE COMMUNISTS HOLD THE MILITARY INITIATIVE--AND THEREFORE TO SECURE AN ADVANTAGE IN PARIS. IT IS A TRAGEDY--ONE OF MANY IN THIS WAR--THAT THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH VIETNAM MUST SUFFER AS THEY DO BECAUSE OF THE AGGRESSIVE INTENTIONS OF THE COMMUNISTS.

I CANNOT PREDICT WHEN THE NORTH VIETNAMESE REPRESENTATIVES WILL BE MORE FORTHCOMING IN PARIS; NOR CAN I ESTIMATE HOW LONG THE COMMUNISTS' OFFENSIVE WILL CONTINUE IN SOUTH VIETNAM. I FEAR THAT NEITHER WILL OCCUR AS SOON AS ALL MANKIND DESIRES.

NEVERTHELESS, THE UNITED STATES AND THOSE WITH WHOM WE ARE ALLIED WILL CONTINUE TO SEEK AN HONORABLE PEACE AT THE NEGOTIATING TABLE, AS WE SHALL REMAIN FIRM IN RESISTING TERROR AND AGGRESSION IN SOUTH VIETNAM. I DEVOUTLY HOPE THAT MY NEXT LETTER TO YOU WILL BRING MORE HOPEFUL TIDINGS. UNLESS IT IS MYSELF, I KNOW OF NO ONE ON EARTH WHO SO LONGS FOR NEWS OF PROGRESS TOWARD PEACE IN VIETNAM AS YOUR HOLINESS.

I SHALL TELL YOU THAT I HAVE GREATLY ENJOYED MY CHATS WITH THE APOSTOLIC DELEGATE IN WASHINGTON.

SINCERELY, LYNDON B. JOHNSON UNQUOTE

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3. WHITE HOUSE CONSIDERS THIS MESSAGE A PRIVATE COMMUNICATION. RUSK

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The messages from Cardinal Cicognani were
acknowledged at Rome.



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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WALT W. ROSTOW
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Messages of Condolence on Shooting
and Death of Senator Kennedy

In addition to messages from Prime Minister Eshkol of Israel, Apostolic Delegate Raimondi, and President Pacheco of Uruguay referred by Mr. Bromley Smith on June 5, the Department has received messages for the President from President Sunay of Turkey, Governor General Michener of Canada, President Khama of Botswana, and Cardinal Cicognani, Vatican Secretary of State. All of these messages were dispatched before Senator Kennedy's death.

Copies of the Sunay, Michener, Khama, and Cicognani messages are enclosed.

Also enclosed is draft language which the Department recommends be used as appropriate in reply to these and subsequent messages. This recommendation supersedes that of the Department's memorandum (S/S 8316) of June 5.

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Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary

Enclosures:

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Suggested Language

The tragic and untimely death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy has come as a deep shock to all Americans. On behalf of the people of the United States, I want to express my deepest appreciation for your words of sympathy.

I shall transmit your message to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Senator's family. The knowledge that your countrymen share our grief is a source of great comfort and consolation to us.

Lyndon B. Johnson



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FOLLOWING TEXT OF MESSAGE RECEIVED BY AMBASSADOR FROM
CARDINAL CICOGNANI, VATICAN SECRETARY OF STATE:

"YOUR EXCELLENCY,

"ONCE AGAIN VIOLENCE HAS REARED ITS UGLY HEAD, AND THE UNITED
STATES IS SHOCKED.

WE SYMPATHIZE WITH YOU AND WITH THE PEOPLE OF THIS GRAND
NATION WHICH YOU REPRESENT HERE IN ITALY BECAUSE VIOLENCE HAS
BEEN UNLEASHED AS A MEANS TO RESOLVE DIFFERENCES.

"A NATION WHICH HAS BEEN THE EXEMPLAR OF DEMOCRACY IS NOW
SADDENED BECAUSE UNCIVILIZED METHODS HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO BLUR
THE IMAGE OF A GREAT COUNTRY. WE PRAY THAT THIS NEW INSTANCE
OF VIOLENCE AND TERROR WILL STIR THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED
STATES TO RENOUNCE SUCH ATTACKS AND TO UNITE TO MAKE THE
FORCES OF EVIL COMPLETELY INEFFECTIVE. THE HOLYFATHER DEPLORES SUCH
MEANS AND IS SADDENED BY THE REPORTS OF THE ASSASSINATION
ATTEMPT ON THE LIFE OF SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY. HE OFFERS HIS
PRAYERS THAT SENATOR KENNEDY BE SPARED AND THAT THE NATION
RISE FROM THIS TRAGIC EVENT MORE RESOLVED TO PUT AN END TO
VIOLENT MEANS. SINCERELY YOURS,
A. G. CARDINAL CICOGNANI"

AMBASSADOR HAS ACKNOWLEDGED MESSAGE FROM CICOGNANI AND SAID
HE WOULD PASS IT ON TO PRESIDENT JOHNSON.

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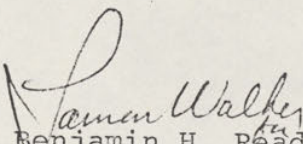
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WALT W. ROSTOW
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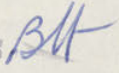
Subject: Telegram to the President from
the Former Mayor of Florence,
Italy, Giorgio La Pira

The Department recommends that no response
be made to the enclosed message to the President
from the former Mayor of Florence, Italy, Giorgio
La Pira.


Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary

Enclosures:

1. Copy of telegram to the President,
June 5, 1968.
2. Translation.

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PRESIDENT JOHNSON

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON, D.C.

THE ATTEMPT ON KENNEDY'S LIFE IS APPALLING. IT MAY GIVE RISE TO IRREPARABLE OUTBREAKS AT HOME AND ABROAD. THE REDEMPTION PRICE WOULD CONSIST ONLY IN AN IMMEDIATE PEACE GESTURE IN CONFORMITY WITH THE BELIEFS THAT INSPIRED KENNEDY'S ACTS, NAMELY CESSATION OF THE BOMBING IN VIET-NAM AND IMMEDIATE OPENING OF EFFECTIVE NEGOTIATIONS IN PARIS. ONLY IN THIS WAY CAN THE HOPES OF MANKIND, TODAY SO GRAVELY SHAKEN, BE RESTORED.

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IRREPARABILI ROTTURE INTERNE ET INTERNAZIONALI STOP PREZZO DI

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FORME ESPERANZA KENNEDI STOP CIOE CESSAZIONE BOMBARDAMENTI VIETNAM

ET INIZIO IMMEDIATO EFFETTIVI NEGOZIATI PARIGI STOP SOLO COSI PUO

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO GOVERNOR
GENERAL:

1. QTE THE TRAGIC AND UNTIMELY DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT F.
KENNEDY HAS COME AS A GREAT SHOCK TO ALL AMERICANS.
ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES, I EXPRESS MY
DEEPEST APPRECIATION FOR YOUR WORDS OF SYMPATHY. UNQTE
2. QTE THE KNOWLEDGE THAT YOU SHARE OUR GRIEF IS A SOURCE
OF GREAT COMFORT AND CONSOLATION. I SHALL TRANSMIT YOUR
MESSAGE TO MRS. KENNEDY AND MEMBERS OF THE SENATOR'S FAMILY.
LYNDON B. JOHNSON UNQTE
3. WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE MESSAGE, BUT HAS
NO OBJECTION TO RELEASE BY THE GOVERNOR GENERAL.
4. FOLLOWING, FYI, IS TEXT OF THE GOVERNOR GENERAL'S
MESSAGE TO THE PRESIDENT:

QTE THE GOVERNOR GENERAL AND PEOPLE OF JAMAICA
MOURN THE TRAGIC DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT
KENNEDY AND BEG TO CONVEY TO THE PRESIDENT
OF THE UNITED STATES, MRS. KENNEDY,
MEMBERS OF THEIR FAMILY AND ALL THE UNITED
STATES OF AMERICA OUR SINCERE CONDOLENCE IN

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THIS CRUEL AND WANTON ASSASSINATION OF THE
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TO AMEMBASSY KINGSTON

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO SIR ALEXANDER BUSTAMANTE:

1. QTE ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES, I EXPRESS MY DEEPEST APPRECIATION FOR YOUR KIND MESSAGE OF SYMPATHY ON THE DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY. UNQTE

2. QTE AS YOU HAVE REQUESTED, I SHALL TRANSMIT YOUR MESSAGE TO MRS. KENNEDY AND MEMBERS OF THE SENATOR'S FAMILY. LYNDON B. JOHNSON UNQTE

3. WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE MESSAGE, BUT HAS NO OBJECTION TO RELEASE BY SIR ALEXANDER BUSTAMANTE.

4. FOLLOWING, FYI, IS TEXT OF SIR ALEXANDER BUSTAMANTE'S MESSAGE TO THE PRESIDENT:

QTE I AM SHOCKED AND HORRIFIED AT THE TRAGIC NEWS OF THE SHOOTING OF SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY. THIS IS ANOTHER BLOT ON CIVILIZATION. I EXTEND TO YOU, THE PEOPLE OF THE U.S.A. AND THE KENNEDY FAMILY MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY. IT IS A SHAME SUCH SAVAGERY CONTINUES. UNQTE
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WALT W. ROSTOW
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Presidential Reply to Message
from Sir Alexander Bustamante
on Death of Senator Kennedy

If the White House approved draft Presidential message were used in response to a message from Sir Alexander Bustamante, it would be identical to one also being sent to Jamaica's Governor General. To avoid possible embarrassment should the two Presidential messages be compared, the Department recommends slight changes in the message to Bustamante to give it a personal touch. A proposed reply is enclosed.

James Walker
Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary

Enclosures:

1. Message from Sir Alexander Bustamante
2. Suggested Presidential Reply

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Clearances:

ARA - Miss Eltz *RM*
S/S - Mr. Parker

ARA/CAR - Mr. Green *GM*

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"I am shocked and horrified at the tragic news of the shooting of Senator Robert Kennedy. This is another blot on civilization. I extend to you, the people of the U.S.A. and the Kennedy family my deepest sympathy. It is a shame such savagery continues."

Message Received from American Embassy Kingston from Sir Alexander Bustamante.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
SUGGESTED PRESIDENTIAL REPLY

"On behalf of the people of the United States,
I express my deepest appreciation for your kind message
of sympathy on the death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

As you have requested, I shall transmit your
message to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Senator's
family.

Lyndon B. Johnson"



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TO AMEMBASSY KINGSTON

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO PRIME MINISTER:

1. QTE THE TRAGIC AND UNTIMELY DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY HAS COME AS A GREAT SHOCK TO ALL AMERICANS. ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES, I EXPRESS MY DEEPEST APPRECIATION FOR YOUR WORDS OF SYMPATHY AND YOUR PRESENCE AT THE BURIAL SERVICES. UNQTE

2. QTE THE KNOWLEDGE THAT YOU SHARE OUR GRIEF IS A SOURCE OF GREAT COMFORT AND CONSOLATION. I SHALL TRANSMIT YOUR MESSAGE TO MRS. KENNEDY AND MEMBERS OF THE SENATOR'S FAMILY. LYNDON B. JOHNSON UNQTE

3. WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE MESSAGE, BUT HAS NO OBJECTION TO RELEASE BY PRIME MINISTER.

4. FOLLOWING, FYI, IS TEXT OF THE PRIME MINISTER'S MESSAGE TO THE PRESIDENT:

QTE ALL JAMAICA PROFOUNDLY SHOCKED AT NEWS OF ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION OF SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY. THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF JAMAICA SEND YOU THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY AND PRAY FOR HIS RECOVERY. GRATEFUL IF SINCERE CONDOLENCES BE CONVEYED TO MRS. KENNEDY AND FAMILY ON OUR BEHALF. UNQTE. RUSK

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EMBASSY of JAMAICA
WASHINGTON

JAMAICA

June 5, 1968

Dear Mr. Duke,

I should be most grateful if you would kindly arrange for the following message from The Honourable Hugh Shearer, Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs, Jamaica, to be transmitted to President Johnson:-

ALL JAMAICA PROFOUNDLY SHOCKED AT
NEWS OF ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION OF
SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY. THE
GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF JAMAICA
SEND YOU THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY AND
PRAY FOR HIS RECOVERY. GRATEFUL IF
SINCERE CONDOLENCES BE CONVEYED TO
MRS. KENNEDY AND FAMILY ON OUR BEHALF.

Yours sincerely,

Vivian Courtney Smith
Chargé d'Affaires ad interim

The Honourable
Angier Biddle Duke
Chief of Protocol
The Department of State.



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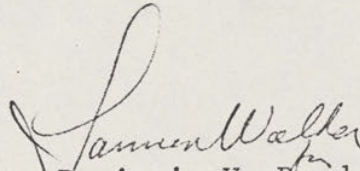
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WALT W. ROSTOW
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Message of Sympathy from the
Jamaican Prime Minister

Prime Minister Hugh L. Shearer's message was sent after the attack on Senator Kennedy and before the Senator's death. The Prime Minister subsequently came to Washington on an earlier scheduled visit and while here attended the burial services at Arlington.

The Department recommends that the message to Prime Minister Shearer mention his attendance at the services here as well as his telegram of sympathy. A proposed reply is enclosed.


Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary

Enclosures:

1. Proposed reply.
2. Message from Prime Minister of Jamaica

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ARA - Miss Eltz

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO PRIME MINISTER:

1. QTE The tragic and untimely death of Senator Robert F.

Kennedy has come as a great shock to all Americans. On behalf of the people of the United States, I express my deepest appreciation for your words of sympathy and your presence at the burial services. UNQTE

2. QTE The knowledge that you share our grief is a source of great comfort and consolation. I shall transmit your message to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Senator's family. Lyndon B. Johnson UNQTE

3. White House does not plan to release message, but has no objection to release by Prime Minister.

4. Following, FYI, is text of the Prime Minister's message to the President:

QTE All Jamaica profoundly shocked at news of

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attempted assassination of Senator Robert Kennedy.

The Government and people of Jamaica send you
their deepest sympathy and pray for his recovery.

Grateful if sincere condolences be conveyed to
Mrs. Kennedy and family on our behalf. UNQTE

END.

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"The tragic and untimely death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy has come as a great shock to all Americans. On behalf of the people of the United States, I express my deepest appreciation for your words of sympathy and your presence at the burial services."

"The knowledge that you share our grief is a source of great comfort and consolation. I shall transmit your message to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Senator's family. Lyndon B. Johnson"

"All Jamaica profoundly shocked at news of attempted assassination of Senator Robert Kennedy. The Government and people of Jamaica send you their deepest sympathy and pray for his recovery. Grateful if sincere condolences be conveyed to Mrs. Kennedy and family on our behalf."

Message Received from The Honorable, Hugh L. Shearer,
Prime Minister of Jamaica



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TO AMEMBASSY TOKYO

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO PRIME MINISTER:

1. QTE THE TRAGIC AND UNTIMELY DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY HAS COME AS A GREAT SHOCK TO ALL AMERICANS. ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES, I EXPRESS MY DEEPEST APPRECIATION FOR YOUR WORDS OF SYMPATHY. I SHALL TRANSMIT YOUR MESSAGE TO MRS. KENNEDY AND MEMBERS OF THE SENATOR'S FAMILY. LYNDON B. JOHNSON UNQTE

2. WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE MESSAGE, BUT HAS NO OBJECTION TO RELEASE BY PRIME MINISTER.

3. FOLLOWING, FYI, IS TEXT OF PRIME MINISTER'S MESSAGE TO THE PRESIDENT:

QTE I AM PROFOUNDLY GRIEVED TO HEAR OF THE UNTIMELY AND UNFORTUNATE DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY, AND I WISH TO EXPRESS MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY AND MOST SINCERE CONDOLENCES TO YOU, THE BEREAVED FAMILY OF THE LATE SENATOR AND THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES.

SINCERELY, EISAKU SATO, PRIME MINISTER OF JAPAN UNQTE RUSK

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Tokyo
June 6, 1968

Dear Mr. President,

I am profoundly grieved to hear of the untimely and unfortunate death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy, and I wish to express my deepest sympathy and most sincere condolences to you, the bereaved family of the late Senator and the people of the United States.

Sincerely,

Eisaku Sato
Prime Minister of Japan

EMBASSY OF JAPAN
WASHINGTON

June 6, 1968

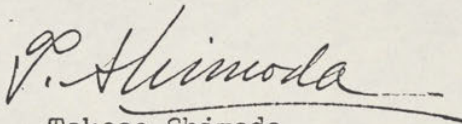
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Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith a message, the text of which is attached, to the President of the United States from the Prime Minister of Japan expressing his sympathy and condolences on the death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

I should be grateful if you would be good enough to forward the message to the President.

Accept, Sir, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.


Takeso Shimoda

The Honorable
Dean Rusk,
Secretary of State



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TO AMEMBASSY AMMAN

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO KING HUSSEIN

1. QTE THE TRAGIC AND UNTIMELY DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY HAS COME AS A GREAT SHOCK TO ALL AMERICANS. ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES, I EXPRESS MY DEEPEST APPRECIATION FOR YOUR WORDS OF SYMPATHY. UNQTE

2. QTE THE KNOWLEDGE THAT YOUR COUNTRYMEN SHARE OUR GRIEF IS A SOURCE OF GREAT COMFORT AND CONSOLATION. I SHALL TRANSMIT YOUR MESSAGE TO MRS. KENNEDY AND MEMBERS OF THE SENATOR'S FAMILY. LYNDON B. JOHNSON UNQTE

3. WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE MESSAGE, BUT HAS NO OBJECTION TO RELEASE BY KING HUSSEIN.

4. FOLLOWING, FYI, IS ENGLISH TEXT OF KING HUSSEIN'S MESSAGE TO THE PRESIDENT:

QTE THE NEWS OF THE DEATH OF LATE SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY WAS PARTICULARLY SHOCKING TO ME. HIS DEATH, INDEED, IS AN IRREPLACEABLE LOSS TO THE NOBLE AMERICAN PEOPLE AND TO HIS FRIENDS AND ADMIRERS ALL OVER THE WORLD. IT IS WITH DEEP SORROW AND PROFOUND REGRET THAT I EXPRESS TO YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, AND TO THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES AND ITS GOVERNMENT MY MOST SINCERE CONDOLENCES AND THOSE OF THE PEOPLE

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AND GOVERNMENT OF JORDAN. MAY GOD, THE ALMIGHTY, GIVE US
ALL THE POWER TO SUPPRESS VIOLENCE AND CRIME. WITH RENEWED
ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST CONSIDERATION. HUSSEIN I. UNQTE
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THE NEWS OF THE DEATH OF LATE SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY WAS
PARTICULARLY SHOCKING TO ME STOP HIS DEATH COMMA INDEED COMMA
IS AN IRREPLACEABLE LOSS TO THE NOBLE AMERICAN PEOPLE AND TO
HIS FRIENDS AND ADMIRERS ALL OVER THE WORLD STOP IT IS WITH
DEEP SORROW AND PROFOUND REGRET THAT I EXPRESS TO YOU COMMA
MR PRESIDENT COMMA AND TO THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES AND

ITS GOVERNMENT MY MOST SINCERE CONDOLENCES AND THOSE OF THE
PEOPLE AND GOVERNMENT OF JORDAN
MAY GOD COMMA THE ALMIGHTY COMMA GIVE US ALL THE POWER TO
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SUBJECT: CONDOLENCE MESSAGE ON SENATOR KENNEDY

1. PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO PRESIDENT BANDA: QUOTE THE TRAGIC AND UNTIMELY DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY HAS COME AS A GREAT SHOCK TO ALL AMERICANS. ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES, I EXPRESS MY DEEPEST APPRECIATION FOR YOUR WORDS OF SYMPATHY. UNQUOTE
2. QUOTE THE KNOWLEDGE THAT YOUR COUNTRYMEN SHARE OUR GRIEF IS A SOURCE OF GREAT COMFORT AND CONSOLATION. I SHALL TRANSMIT YOUR MESSAGE TO MRS. KENNEDY AND MEMBERS OF THE SENATOR'S FAMILY. LYNDON B. JOHNSON UNQUOTE
3. WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE MESSAGE BUT HAS NO OBJECTION TO RELEASE BY PRESIDENT BANDA.
4. FOLLOWING, FYI, IS TEXT OF PRESIDENT BANDA'S MESSAGE TO THE PRESIDENT: QUOTE MR. PRESIDENT, WORDS FAIL TO EXPRESS MY DEEP SORROW AND GRIEF AT HEARING THE UNTIMELY DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY. I CONVEY THE FEELINGS OF ALL MY PEOPLE IN MALAWI WHEN I SAY THAT WE ARE ALL MOURNING THE DEATH OF A GREAT AMERICAN AND SENATOR. PLEASE ACCEPT MY SINCERE CONDOLENCES. PLEASE ALSO KINDLY CONVEY TO MRS. KENNEDY AND ALL MEMBERS OF THE KENNEDY FAMILY MY CONDOLENCES AND THOSE

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OF THE PEOPLE OF MALAWI. OUR PRAYERS IN THIS HOUR OF GRIEF
GO OUT TO THE KENNEDY FAMILY AND MAY GOD FORTIFY THEM.

H KAMUZU BANDA UNQUOTE.

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO KING OF LAOS:

1. QTE THE TRAGIC AND UNTIMELY DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY HAS COME AS A GREAT SHOCK TO ALL AMERICANS. ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES, I EXPRESS MY DEEPEST APPRECIATION FOR YOUR WORDS OF SYMPATHY. UNQTE

2. QTE THE KNOWLEDGE THAT YOU SHARE OUR GRIEF IS A SOURCE OF GREAT COMFORT AND CONSOLATION. I SHALL TRANSMIT YOUR MESSAGE TO MRS. KENNEDY AND MEMBERS OF THE SENATOR'S FAMILY.

LYNDON B. JOHNSON UNQTE

3. WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE MESSAGE, BUT HAS NO OBJECTION TO RELEASE BY ROYAL PALACE.

4. FOLLOWING, FYI, IS TRANSLATION OF KING'S MESSAGE TO THE PRESIDENT:

QTE AT A TIME WHEN AMERICA IS RENDERING SUPREME HOMAGE TO THE MEMORY OF SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY, VICTIM OF AN ABOMINABLE CRIME, I ASK YOUR EXCELLENCY TO ACCEPT MY CONDOLENCES OF DEEP EMOTION AND SADNESS AND TO BE SO KIND AS TO TRANSMIT THEM ALSO TO THE FAMILY OF THE HONORABLE DECEASED. SRI SAVANG VATHANA, KING OF LAOS RUSK

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

AU MOMENT OU L AMERIQUE VA RENDRE LE SUPREME HOMMAGE A LA
MEMOIRE DU SENATEUR ROBERT KENNEDY VICTIME DE LABOMINABLE
ATTENTAT JE PRIE VOTRE EXCELLENCE DAGREE MES CONDOLEANCES
EMUES ET ATTRISTEES ET DE BIEN VOULOIR LES TRANSMETTRE
EGALEMENT A LA FAMILLE DE HONORABLE

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO PRESIDENT
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1. QTE THE TRAGIC AND UNTIMELY DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY HAS COME AS A GREAT SHOCK TO ALL AMERICANS. ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES, I EXPRESS MY DEEPEST APPRECIATION FOR YOUR WORDS OF SYMPATHY. UNQTE
2. QTE THE KNOWLEDGE THAT YOUR COUNTRYMEN SHARE OUR GRIEF IS A SOURCE OF GREAT COMFORT AND CONSOLATION. I SHALL TRANSMIT YOUR MESSAGE TO MRS. KENNEDY AND MEMBERS OF THE SENATOR'S FAMILY. LYNDON B. JOHNSON UNQTE
3. WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE MESSAGE, BUT HAS NO OBJECTION TO RELEASE BY PRESIDENT HELOU.
4. FOLLOWING, FYI, IS ENGLISH TEXT OF PRESIDENT HELOU'S MESSAGE TO THE PRESIDENT:

QTE THE NEWS OF THE DEATH OF SENATOR KENNEDY HAS BEEN RECEIVED WITH DISMAY BY LEBANON WHICH ABHORS ALL ACTS OF VIOLENCE. ON BEHALF OF THE LEBANESE PEOPLE AND OF MYSELF I CONVEY TO YOUR EXCELLENCY AND TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE MY SINCERELY AND HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES. CHARLES HELOU, PRESIDENT OF THE LEBANESE REPUBLIC. UNQTE

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TO AMEMBASSY MONROVIA

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO PRESIDENT
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1. QTE THE TRAGIC AND UNTIMELY DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT F.
KENNEDY HAS COME AS A GREAT SHOCK TO ALL AMERICANS. ON BEHALF
OF THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES, I EXPRESS MY DEEPEST AP-
PRECIATION FOR THE MESSAGE OF YOUR GOVERNMENT WHICH YOU EX-
TENDED THROUGH AMBASSADOR BROWN. UNQTE

2. QTE THE KNOWLEDGE THAT YOUR COUNTRYMEN SHARE OUR GRIEF
IS A SOURCE OF GREAT COMFORT AND CONSOLATION. I SHALL TRANS-
MIT YOUR MESSAGE TO MRS. KENNEDY AND MEMBERS OF THE SENATOR'S
FAMILY. LYNDON B. JOHNSON UNQTE

3. WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE MESSAGE, BUT HAS NO
OBJECTION TO RELEASE BY LIBERIAN GOVERNMENT. RUSK

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FOLLOWING MESSAGE HAS JUST BEEN RECEIVED ADDRESSED TO AMBASSADOR
FROM GOL SECSTATE:

"THE NEWS OF THE DEATH OF UNITED STATES SENATOR ROBERT F.
KENNEDY AS A RESULT OF AN ASSASSIN'S BULLET HAS BEEN RECEIVED
IN LIBERIA WITH GREAT CONSTERNATION AND HORROR. THIS IS A
TRAGEDY FELT ALL OVER THE WORLD.

"IT IS A SHAME THAT, IN LESS THAN FIVE YEARS, THREE OUT-
STANDING AMERICAN LEADERS HAVE BEEN KILLED BY THE ASSASSIN'S
BULLETS.

"WE CAN ONLY PRAY THAT THE MALADY OF VIOLENCE AND CONFUSION
WHICH SEEMS TO BE AFFECTING THE WORLD CAN BE CURED SO THAT MAN
MAY LIVE TOGETHER AS BROTHERS.

"ON BEHALF OF THE PRESIDENT, THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF
LIBERIA, I HAVE THE HONOUR TO EXTEND SYMPATHY THROUGH YOU TO THE
PRESIDENT, THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES AND
TO SENATOR KENNEDY'S FAMILY FOR THE GREAT LOSS THAT HAS BEEN
SUSTAINED BY THE SENATOR'S UNTIMELY DEATH. I WOULD BE GRATEFUL
IF OUR CONDOLENCE WERE ALSO CONVEYED TO MRS. ROBERT F. KENNEDY
AND THE KENNEDY FAMILY." BROWN

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO KING KDRIS:

1. QTE THE TRAGIC AND UNTIMELY DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY HAS COME AS A GREAT SHOCK TO ALL AMERICANS. ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES, I EXPRESS MY DEEPEST APPRECIATION FOR YOUR WORDS OF SYMPATHY. UNQTE

2. QTE I SHALL TRANSMIT YOUR CONDOLENCES TO MRS. KENNEDY AND MEMBERS OF THE SENATOR'S FAMILY. LYNDON B. JOHNSON UNQTE

3. WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE MESSAGE, BUT HAS NO OBJECTION TO RELEASE BY GOL OR ROYAL DIWAN. RUSK

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PLS PASS FOL MSG FROM PRESIDENT TO ACTING PM AL-ABAYDI:

1. QTE I WISH TO EXPRESS MY DEEP APPRECIATION FOR YOUR MESSAGE OF SYMPATHY AND CONDOLENCE ON THE UNTIMELY DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY. LYNDON B. JOHNSON. UNQTE

2. WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE MESSAGE BUT HAS NO OBJECTION TO RELEASE BY ACTING PM.

3. FOLLOWING, FYI, IS ENGLISH TEXT OF ACTING PM'S MESSAGE TO THE PRESIDENT:

QTE WE HAVE LEARNED WITH DEEPEST GRIEF AND SORROW OF THE GREAT LOSS OF SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY.

QTE PLEASE ACCEPT IN THIS TRAGIC HOUR MY PROFOUND CONDOLENCES AND HEARTFELT SYMPATHY. ATAWGIA HAMED ALABEDI, ACTING PRIME MINISTER. UNQTE. RUSK

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WALT W. ROSTOW
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Messages from the President
to Libyan King and Government
on the Death of Senator Kennedy

We do not wish to send the same message from the President to both King Idris and the Acting Prime Minister to Libya to acknowledge their condolences on the death of Senator Kennedy. For this reason we suggest the text in the enclosed message.

The message to King Idris closely followed the language proposed in S/S's memorandum of June 10. We would plan to send the two messages simultaneously.

Benjamin H. Read
Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary

Enclosure:

Telegram from President
to Acting Prime Minister
Al-'Abaydi

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1. QTE The tragic and untimely death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy has come as a great shock to all Americans. On behalf of the people of the United States, I express my deepest appreciation for your words of sympathy. UNQTE
2. QTE I shall transmit your condolences to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Senator's family. Lyndon B. Johnson UNQTE
3. White House does not plan to release message, but has no objection to release by GOL or Royal Diwan. END.

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1. DEPARTMENT PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGES TO MRS. ROBERT F. KENNEDY.

2. FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF LUXEMBOURG. BEGIN TEXT MR. AMBASSADOR: THE GRAND DUCAL GOVERNMENT SHARES WITH PROFOUND AFFLICTION IN THE GRIEF THAT HAS JUST SO CRUELLY STRUCK THE FAMILY OF THE LATE ROBERT KENNEDY. WE WOULD BE OBLIGED TO YOU TO TRANSMIT OUR MESSAGE OF SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILY. WE ALSO ASSOCIATE OURSELVES IN THE SORROW OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE FOR ONE OF ITS SONS WHO TOOK TO HEART HIS MISSION AS A POLITICAL MAN WITH THE AIM OF HUMAN RENEWAL AND IMPROVEMENT. SENATOR KENNEDY ACCEPTED HIS POLITICAL DESTINY IN THE FRAMEWORK OF A DEMOCRATIC AND FREE SOCIETY FROM WHICH VIOLENCE SHOULD BE BANISHED FOR THE SAKE OF PERMANENT AND TOLERANT CONFRONTATION OF IDEAS AND DOCTRINES. MAY THE SUPREME SACRIFICE THAT HE MADE IN THE CAUSE OF DEMOCRACY SERVE THE HUMAN IDEALS THAT HE SET FOR HIMSELF, AND FOR WHICH HE NEVER CEASED TO FIGHT. SIGNED, THE PRESIDENT AND THE MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF LUXEMBOURG. END TEXT

3. FROM THE ROMAN CATHOLIC BISHOP OF LUXEMBOURG, MONSIGNOR LEON LOMMEL, WHO WILL CELEBRATE A PONTIFICAL REQUIEM MASS FOR ROBERT KENNEDY, SATURDAY MORNING AT 11:00 A.M. IN THE CATHEDRAL OF LUXEMBOURG: BEGIN TEXT WITH THE ENTIRE WORLD, WE MOURN THE TRAGIC DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY, INTREPID CHAMPION OF SOCIAL JUSTICE, RECONCILIATION AND PEACE. WE BEG YOU, EXCELLENCY, TO TRANSMIT TO HIS SORELY AFFLICTED WIFE AND FAMILY THE PROFOUND EXPRESSION OF OUR CHRISTIAN CONDOLENCES. WE PRAY AND HOPE THAT THE IDEALS FOR WHICH HE GAVE HIS LIFE WILL NOT PERISH. SIGNED, LEON LOMMEL, BISHOP

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OF LUXEMBOURG. END TEXT

4. FROM THE LUXEMBOURG JEWISH COMMUNITY: BEGIN TEXT THE JEWISH COMMUNITY OF LUXEMBOURG EXTENDS ITS HEARTFELT SYMPATHY AND SINCEREST CONDOLENCES TO THE BEREAVED FAMILY, THE GOVERNMENT AND THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FOR THE DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY, WHOSE MEMORY WILL ALWAYS STAY ALIVE IN THE HEARTS OF FREE MEN. SIGNED, EDMON ISRAEL, PRESIDENT OF THE JEWISH COMMUNITY OF LUXEMOURG. END TEXT

5. MANY MESSAGES ALSO BEING RECEIVED FROM DIPLOMATIC CORPS, GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, AND PUBLIC AND PRIVATE GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS. EMBASSY WILL TRANSMIT AT LATER TIME. FELDMAN

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO PRESIDENT TSIRANANA:

1. QTE THE TRAGIC AND UNTIMELY DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY HAS COME AS A GREAT SHOCK TO ALL AMERICANS. ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES, I EXPRESS MY DEEPEST APPRECIATION FOR YOUR WORDS OF SYMPATHY. UNQTE

2. QTE THE KNOWLEDGE THAT YOUR COUNTRYMEN SHARE OUR GRIEF IS A SOURCE OF GREAT COMFORT AND CONSOLATION. I SHALL TRANSMIT YOUR MESSAGE TO MRS. KENNEDY AND MEMBERS OF THE SENATOR'S FAMILY. LYNDON B. JOHNSON UNQTE

3. WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE MESSAGE, BUT HAS NO OBJECTION TO RELEASE BY PRESIDENT TSIRANANA.

4. FOLLOWING, FYI, IS ENGLISH TEXT OF PRESIDENT TSIRANANA'S MESSAGE TO THE PRESIDENT:

QTE SINCE I, TOGETHER WITH THE WHOLE MALAGASY PEOPLE, SHARE IN THE GREAT SORROW THAT WEIGHS UPON THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AND ALL THE LIBERAL PEOPLES OF THE WORLD, I EXPRESS TO YOU OUR PROFOUND SYMPATHY, AND BEG YOU TO ACCEPT AND TO CONVEY TO THE FAMILY OF THE LAMENTED SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY MY HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES AND THOSE OF THE MALAGASY REPUBLIC. HIGH CONSIDERATION. PHILIBERT TSIRANANA UNQTE. RUSK

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1. GREATLY APPRECIATE REFTEL.

2. FOR AFCM USE, PRESIDENT TSIRANANA SENT DIRECT WHITE HOUSE
FOLLOWING MESSAGE WHICH EVIDENTLY CROSSED REFTEL.
QTE COMPATISSANT AVEC TOUT LE PEUPLE MALGACHE AU GRAND
DEUIL QUI FRAPPE LE PEUPLE AMERICAIN ET TOUS LES PEUPLES
LIBERAUX DE MONDE, JE VOUS ADRESSE L'EXPRESSION DE NOTRE
SYMPATHIE ATTRISTEE. JE VOUS PRIE D'AGREER ET DE TRANSMETTRE
A LA FAMILLE DU REGRETTE SENATEUR ROBERT KENNEDY MES CONDOLEANCES
EMUES ET CELLES DE LA REPUBLIQUE MALGACHE. UNQTE. KING

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NO. 10292. DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

SINCE I, TOGETHER WITH THE WHOLE MALAGASY PEOPLE, SHARE IN THE GREAT SORROW THAT WEIGHS UPON THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AND ALL THE LIBERAL PEOPLES OF THE WORLD, I EXPRESS TO YOU OUR PROFOUND SYMPATHY, AND BEG YOU TO ACCEPT AND TO CONVEY TO THE FAMILY OF THE LAMENTED SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY MY HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES AND THOSE OF THE MALAGASY REPUBLIC. HIGH CONSIDERATION.

PHILIBERT TSIRANANA

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AVEC TOUT LE PEUPLE MALAGACHE AU GRAND DEUIL QUI FRAPPE
LE PEUPLE AMERICAIN ET TOUS LES PEUPLES LIBERAUX DU MONDE
JE VOUS ADRESSE L EXPRESSION DE NOTRE SYMPATHIE ATTRISTEE
ET VOUS PRIE D AGREER ET DE TRANSMETTRE A LA FAMILLE DU
REGRETTE SENATEUR ROBERT KENNEDY MES CONDOLEANCES EMUES ET
CELLES DE LA REPUBLIQUE MALGACHE HAUTE CONSIDERATION

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1. PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO PRESIDENT BANDA: QUOTE THE TRAGIC AND UNTIMELY DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY HAS COME AS A GREAT SHOCK TO ALL AMERICANS. ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES, I EXPRESS MY DEEPEST APPRECIATION FOR YOUR WORDS OF SYMPATHY. UNQUOTE
2. QUOTE THE KNOWLEDGE THAT YOUR COUNTRYMEN SHARE OUR GRIEF IS A SOURCE OF GREAT COMFORT AND CONSOLATION. I SHALL TRANSMIT YOUR MESSAGE TO MRS. KENNEDY AND MEMBERS OF THE SENATOR'S FAMILY. LYNDON B. JOHNSON UNQUOTE
3. WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE MESSAGE BUT HAS NO OBJECTION TO RELEASE BY PRESIDENT BANDA.
4. FOLLOWING, FYI, IS TEXT OF PRESIDENT BANDA'S MESSAGE TO THE PRESIDENT: QUOTE MR. PRESIDENT, WORDS FAIL TO EXPRESS MY DEEP SORROW AND GRIEF AT HEARING THE UNTIMELY DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY. I CONVEY THE FEELINGS OF ALL MY PEOPLE IN MALAWI WHEN I SAY THAT WE ARE ALL MOURNING THE DEATH OF A GREAT AMERICAN AND SENATOR. PLEASE ACCEPT MY SINCERE CONDOLENCES. PLEASE ALSO KINDLY CONVEY TO MRS. KENNEDY AND ALL MEMBERS OF THE KENNEDY FAMILY MY CONDOLENCES AND THOSE

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OF THE PEOPLE OF MALAWI. OUR PRAYERS IN THIS HOUR OF GRIEF
GO OUT TO THE KENNEDY FAMILY AND MAY GOD FORTIFY THEM.

H KAMUZU BANDA UNQUOTE.

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PRESIDENT JOHNSON WHITE HOUSE

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MR PRESIDENT WORDS FAIL TO EXPRESS MY DEEP SORROW AND
GRIEF AT HEARING THE UNTIMELY DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT
KENNEDY STOP I CONVEY THE FEELINGS OF ALL MY PEOPLE
IN MALAWI WHEN I SAY THAT WE ARE ALL MOURNING THE DEATH
OF A GREAT AMERICAN AND SENATOR STOP PLEASE ACCEPT

MY SINCERE CONDOLENCES STOP PLEASE ALSO KINDLY CONVEY
TO MRS KENNEDY AND ALL MEMBERS OF THE KENNEDY FAMILY
MY CONDOLENCES AND THOSE OF THE PEOPLE OF MALAWI STOP
OUR PRAYERS IN THIS HOUR OF GRIEF GO OUT TO THE KENNEDY
FAMILY AND MAY GOD FORTIFY THEM

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WALT W. ROSTOW
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Telegram to the President from Fra
Angelo De Majana, Grand Master of
the Order of Malta

There is enclosed a telegram to the President
from Fra Angelo De Majana, Grand Master of the
Order of Malta, expressing condolence on the death
of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. The Department
recommends that Ambassador Ackley reply to the tele-
gram on behalf of the President. An airgram to our
Embassy in Rome, requesting the Ambassador to do
so, is enclosed.

William H. Read
Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary

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Enclosures:

1. Telegram to the President from
Fra Angelo De Majana, Grand
Master of the Order of Malta,
June 7, 1968.
2. Translation.
3. Airgram.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

ATROCE LUTTO CHE ANCORA UNA VOLTA COLPISCE FAMIGLIA
KENNEDY COMMUOVE PROFONDAMENTE CAVALIERI MALTA TUTTI IN
NOME DEI QUALI ESPRIMO VOSTRA ECCELLENZA CONFRATERNI SENSI
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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

THE APPALLING TRAGEDY THAT HAS ONCE AGAIN BEFALLEN THE KENNEDY FAMILY DEEPLY MOVES ALL THE KNIGHTS OF MALTA, IN WHOSE NAME I EXPRESS TO YOUR EXCELLENCY FRATERNAL SENTIMENTS OF SYMPATHY FOR THE GREAT SORROW OF THE NOBLE AMERICAN NATION, TOGETHER WITH THE ASSURANCE THAT WE SHALL PRAY FOR THE SOUL OF THE DECEASED.

FRA ANGELO DE MOJANA, GRAND MASTER OF THE
ORDER OF MALTA

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SUBJECT: Telegram to the President from Fra Angelo De Mojana,
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Enclosed is a telegram to the President, with a translation, from Fra Angelo De Mojana, Grand Master of the Order of Malta. The telegram expresses the Grand Master's condolence on the death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

Unless some objection is perceived, it is requested that the Ambassador make an appropriate acknowledgment to the Grand Master. The Ambassador's letter should begin, "President Johnson has asked me to reply to your telegram of June 8,"

Enclosures:

1. Copy of telegram to the President from Fra Angelo De Mojana, Grand Master of the Order of Malta, dated June 8, 1968.
2. Translation.

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT DIAZ ORDAZ:

QTE: DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: I DEEPLY APPRECIATE YOUR THOUGHTFULNESS IN WRITING OF YOUR CONCERN OVER THE RECENT, TRAGIC EVENTS WHICH HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN THIS COUNTRY. YOUR FRIENDSHIP AND REASSURANCE THAT YOU SHARE MY CONFIDENCE IN THE ABILITY OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE TO RISE ABOVE THESE DIFFICULT TIMES TO ACHIEVE A BETTER SOCIETY AND A BETTER NATION MEANS A GREAT DEAL TO ME.

THE PEOPLE OF MEXICO HAVE ALSO KNOWN ADVERSITY AND HAVE RISEN ABOVE IT TO CREATE A MODERN NATION. BOTH OUR COUNTRIES CONFRONT DIFFICULT PROBLEMS, BUT WITH THE SUPPORT AND COMPREHENSION OF OUR FRIENDS, AND THE COURAGE WHICH COMES FROM FAITH IN THE PRINCIPLES OF INDIVIDUAL LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL THE WORLD'S PEOPLE, WE SHALL YET HAVE A BETTER WORLD FOR OUR CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN.

WITH WARM PERSONAL REGARDS,

SINCERELY,

LYNDON B JOHNSON UNQTE.

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO ARTURO JAUREGUI,
ORIT:

1. QTE THE TRAGIC AND UNTIMELY DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT F.
KENNEDY HAS COME AS A GREAT SHOCK TO ALL AMERICANS. ON BEHALF
OF THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES, I EXPRESS MY DEEPEST
APPRECIATION FOR YOUR WORDS OF SYMPATHY.

2. QTE THE KNOWLEDGE THAT YOUR MANY FELLOW WORKERS SHARE OUR
GRIEF IS A SOURCE OF GREAT COMFORT AND CONSOLATION. I SHALL
TRANSMIT YOUR MESSAGE TO MRS. KENNEDY AND MEMBERS OF THE SENATOR'S
FAMILY. LYNDON B. JOHNSON UNQTE.

3. WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT RPT NOT PLAN TO RELEASE MESSAGE, BUT
HAS NO RPT NO OBJECTION TO RELEASE BY JAUREGUI.

4. FOLLOWING, FYI, IS TEXT OF JAUREGUI'S MESSAGE TO THE PRESIDENT:

QTE IN THE NAME OF 28 MILLION WORKERS IN AMERICA PLEASE ACCEPT
OUR CONDOLENCES ON THE DEATH OF ROBERT F. KENNEDY A GREAT AMERICAN
CITIZEN AND A TRUE FRIEND OF THE WORKING PEOPLE OF THE WORLD STOP
HIS SPIRIT AND IDEAL WILL LIVE ON. ARTURO JAUREGUI GENERAL
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WALT W. ROSTOW
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Message to the President on the Death
of Senator Kennedy

In response to the telegram of June 8 from Mr. Arturo Jauregui, Secretary-General of ORIT, the Department recommends that the standard format of reply be slightly altered in order to take into account the sender's position as Secretary-General of a multinational labor confederation.

A suggested reply is enclosed and the original correspondence is returned for your files.

Samuel H. Read
Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary

Enclosures:

1. Suggested reply.
2. Telegram from Arturo Jauregui,
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SUGGESTED MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO ARTURO JAUREGUI,
SECRETARY-GENERAL, ORIT

The tragic and untimely death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy has come as a great shock to all Americans. On behalf of the people of the United States, I express my deepest appreciation for your words of sympathy.

The knowledge that your many fellow workers share our grief is a source of great comfort and consolation. I shall transmit your message to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Senator's family.

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO ARTURO JAUREGUI, ORIT:

1. QTE The tragic and untimely death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy has come as a great shock to all Americans. On behalf of the people of the United States, I express my deepest appreciation for your words of sympathy.
2. QTE The knowledge that your many fellow workers share our grief is a source of great comfort and consolation. I shall transmit your message to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Senator's family. Lyndon B. Johnson UNQTE
3. White House does not plan to release message, but has no objection to release by Jauregui.
4. Following, FYI, is text of Jauregui's message to the President:

QTE In the name of 28 million workers in America please accept our condolences on the death of Robert F. Kennedy a great American citizen and a true friend of the working people of the world STOP His spirit and ideals will live on. Arturo Jauregui General Secretario ORIT. UNQTE

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THE PRESIDENT

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IN THE NAME OF 23 MILLION WORKERS IN AMERICA PLEASE ACCEPT OUR
CONDOLENCES ON THE DEATH OF ROBERT F KENNEDY A GREAT AMERICAN CITIZEN
AND A TRUE FRIEND OF THE WORKING PEOPLE OF THE WORLD STOP HIS
SPIRIT AND IDEALS WILL LIVE ON

ARTURO JAUREGUI GENERAL SECRETARIO ORIT.



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1. PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO SENATOR
MANUEL AGUIRRE PRESIDENT GRAN COMISION

QUOTE THE TRAGIC AND UNTIMELY DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT F.
KENNEDY HAS COME AS A GREAT SHOCK TO ALL AMERICANS. ON BEHALF OF
THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES, I EXPRESS MY APPRECIATION FOR
YOUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY.

THE KNOWLEDGE TH T YOUR COLLEAGUES AND COUNTRYMEN SHARE OUR
GRIEF IS A SOURCE OF GREAT COMFORT AND CONSOLATION. I SHALL
TRANSMIT YOUR MESSAGE TO MRS. KENNEDY AND MEMBERS OF THE
SENATOR'S FAMILY. LYNDON B. JOHNSON UNQUOTE

2. WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE MESSAGE, BUT HAS NO
OBJECTION TO RELEASE BY SENATOR AGUIRRE.

3. FOLLOWING, FYI, IS TEXT OF AGUIRRE'S MESSAGE TO THE PRESIDENT:

QUOTE EL SENADO DE LA REPUBLICA MEXICANA SUPLICA A USTED RECIBIR
LA EXPRESION DE SU MAS PROFUNDA CONDOLENCIA POR LA MUERTE DEL
SEÑOR SENADOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY ACAECIDA EN LAS TRAGICAS
CIRCUNSTANCIAS QUE LAMENTAMOS HONDAMENTE UNQUOTE. KATZENBACH

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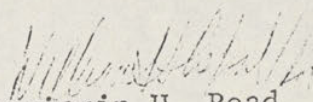
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WALT W. ROSTOW
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Condolence Message on death of
Senator Robert F. Kennedy from
Mexican Senator Manuel Bernardo
Aguirre

Enclosed is a copy of a telegram addressed to
President Johnson extending condolences on the
death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy sent on behalf
of the Mexican Senate by its leader, Manuel Bernardo
Aguirre. Senator Aguirre headed the Mexican dele-
gation to the Interparliamentary Conference at
Honolulu in April. While there he met personally
with the President. For this reason and the par-
ticularly close relations between the President
and key Mexican dignitaries, the Department re-
commends that the enclosed suggested reply be sent.


Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary

Enclosures:

1. Telegram from Senator Aguirre,
dated June 7, 1968.
2. Translation of telegram.
3. Suggested reply.

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO PRINCE RAINIER:

1. QTE THE TRAGIC AND UNTIMELY DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY HAS COME AS A GREAT SHOCK TO ALL AMERICANS. ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES, I EXPRESS MY DEEPEST APPRECIATION FOR YOUR WORDS OF SYMPATHY. UNQTE

2. QTE THE KNOWLEDGE THAT YOU SHARE OUR GRIEF IS A SOURCE OF GREAT COMFORT AND CONSOLATION. I SHALL TRANSMIT YOUR MESSAGE TO MRS. KENNEDY AND MEMBERS OF THE SENATOR'S FAMILY. LYNDON B. JOHNSON UNQTE

3. WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE MESSAGE, BUT HAS NO OBJECTION TO RELEASE BY PRINCE RAINIER.

4. FOLLOWING, FYI, IS TEXT OF PRINCE RAINIER'S MESSAGE TO THE PRESIDENT:

QTE IT IS WITH GREAT SADNESS THAT THE PRINCESS AND I LEARNED OF SENATOR KENNEDY'S ASSASSINATION. WE WISH TO ASSURE YOUR EXCELLENCY OF OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY AND THE PART WE TAKE IN THE SORROW OF ALL THOSE WHO, LIKE SENATOR KENNEDY, LOVE PEACE AND FREEDOM AND THE WELFARE OF MANKIND. RAINIER PRINCE OF MONACO. UNQTE
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1. PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO KING:

QUOTE: YOUR MAJESTY: THE TRAGIC AND UNTIMELY DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY HAS COME AS A GREAT SHOCK TO ALL AMERICANS. AT THIS TIME OF OUR GRIEF I AM GRATEFUL FOR YOUR KIND MESSAGE OF CONSOLATION. ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES, I EXPRESS MY DEEPEST APPRECIATION FOR YOUR WORDS OF SYMPATHY. LYNDON B. JOHNSON UNQUOTE.

2. WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT PLAN RELEASE MESSAGE, BUT HAS NO OBJECTION TO RELEASE BY GOM.
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SUBJ: MOROCCAN REACTION TO KENNEDY ASSASSINATION

1. FOLLOWING ARE INFORMAL TRANSLATIONS TELEGRAMS SENT JUNE 6 BY KING TO PRESIDENT JOHNSON AND MRS. ROBERT KENNEDY FOLLOWING DEATH OF SENATOR KENNEDY. BOTH MESSAGES RELEASED TO PRESS.

2. MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT:

QUOTE DEEPLY BEREAVED BY NEWS OF SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY'S DEATH, THE VICTIM OF A HEINOUS CRIME. WE SEND YOU OUR SAD CONDOLENCES AND ASK YOU TO BE OUR INTERPRETER TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE TO ASSURE THEM OF OUR SYMPATHY FOLLOWING THE LOSS OF ONE OF THEIR BRILLIANT CITIZENS UNQUOTE.

3. MESSAGE TO MRS. KENNEDY:

QUOTE WE LEARNED WITH DISMAY THE SAD NEWS OF THE DEATH OF YOUR HUSBAND, THE VICTIM OF AN ATTACK AGAINST HIS PERSON.

WE ASSURE YOU OF OUR SYMPATHY AND EXPRESS OUR SINCERE CONDOLENCES.

WE ASK THAT GOD GIVE YOU STRENGTH AND COURAGE DURING THIS HARD ORDEAL.

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

I HAVE THE SAD DUTY TO TRANSMIT TO YOUR EXCELLENCY THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM HIS MAJESTY THE KING OF MOROCCO, SENT THROUGH THIS EMBASSY BY DR. LARAKI, MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS:

"I AM DEEPLY AFFLICTED BY THE NEWS OF THE PASSING AWAY OF SENATOR ROBERT F KENNEDY, WHO HAS BEEN THE VICTIM OF THE MOST DREADFUL ASSASSINATION. WE WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS TO YOUR

EXCELLENCY OUR DEEPEST CONDOLENCES AND REQUEST THAT YOU CONVEY ON OUR BEHALF TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE OUR SYMPATHY AND SORROW IN THE WAKE OF THE LOSS OF ONE OF THEIR MOST BRILLIANT CITIZENS SIGNED (HASSAN II, KING OF MOROCCO"

AHMED TSMAN AMBASSADOR OF MOROCCO.